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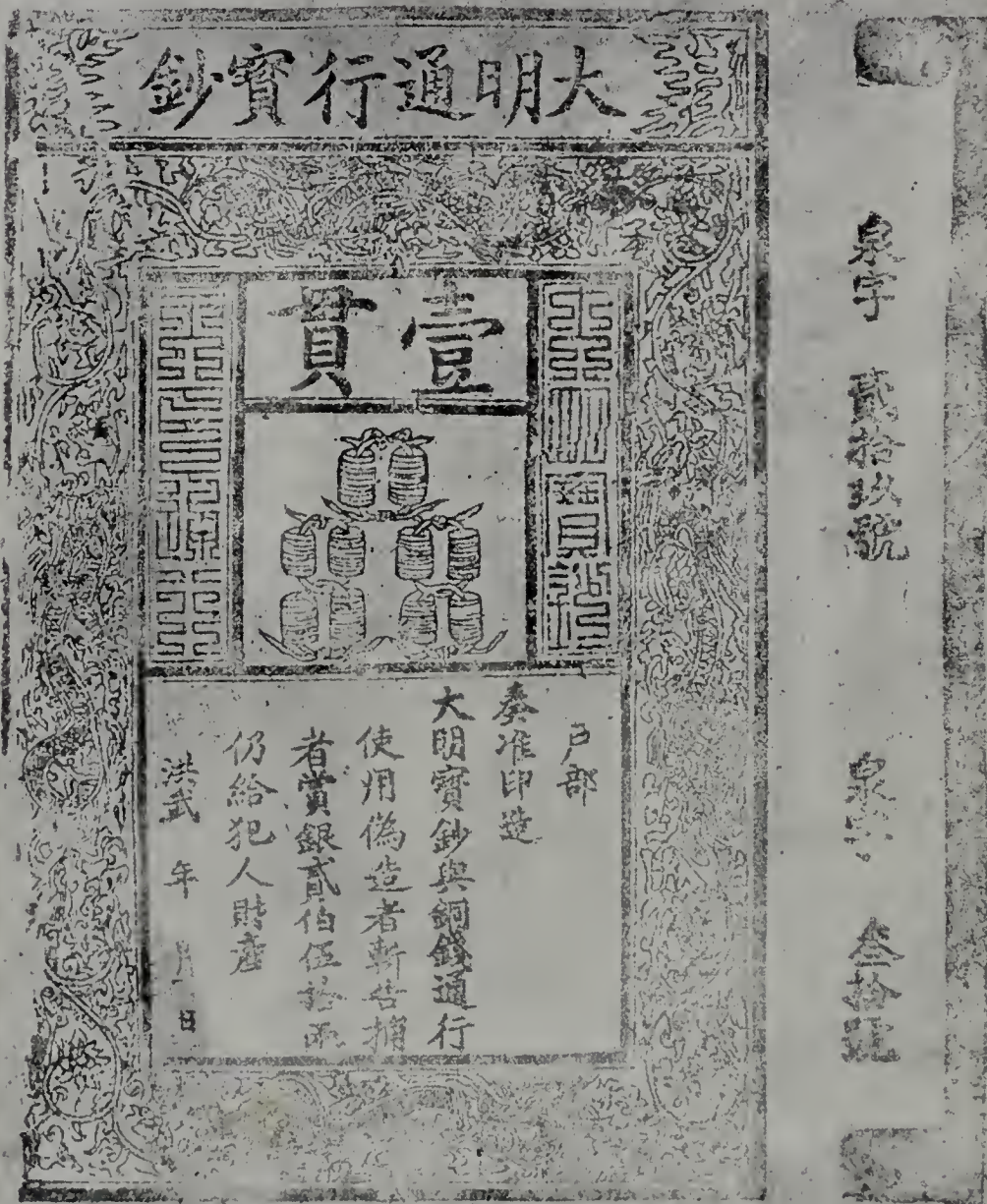
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Block for Printing the One Kuan Ming Note



第五十七圖 大明寶鈔壹貫的拓本

大明寶鈔在明朝通行於全國，而且是最流行的一種紙幣。全大明寶鈔是一種全國性的紙幣，但蒙古人在百年前就發明紙幣了。大明寶鈔自洪武八年（1375）發行起，使用到乾隆元年（1736），由于面額以一貫為最高，所以後來通行紙幣時，大概是以抽換紙幣為一貫，每個紙幣為一貫。

Dimensions of the printing block, 27.4 x 31.4 cm.

The One Kuan Ming Note

By H. F. BOWKER, Oakland

The collecting of paper currency of the several countries of East Asia is fascinating. The designs are both interesting and artistic and differ from those appearing on the notes of occidental countries. Also, this is an interesting area which has not been explored fully in Western numismatic literature to date.

One of its lesser known aspects relates to the methods employed in China and Japan to record the issues in the official governmental archives designed to prevent the exchange of counterfeit notes when worn out in circulation for new notes. In the February 1956 issue of *The Numismatist* a study was published under the title "Japanese 'Kinsatsu' and their Counterfoils," showing how the Japanese government recorded the earlier issues of the *Meiji* period (1868-1875). An extensive search made at that time failed to disclose anything published in any language relating to the methods employed in earlier times in either China or Japan.

A work recently acquired entitled *Chung Kuo Huo Pi Shih*, by Peng Hsin-wei (in two volumes with 636 pages of text copiously illustrated, published in Shanghai, China, in 1954), has what is believed to be the first item of NEW information relating to the system used to record the issues of paper notes during the *Ming* dynasty (A.D. 1368-1644). This is not to be confused with a smaller work with the same title published by the Commercial Press in 1934.

The work is a survey of the metallic and paper currencies of China from the earliest times to the end of the *Ch'ing* dynasty in 1911. But nothing in the text other than the brief three-line caption under the plate which is reproduced in the accompanying illustration (numbered 57 from this work) is given in explanation of the plate. It is necessary, therefore, to endeavor to extract such information as is possible from the illustration itself.

Many articles have been published in the past on the one *kuan* (1000

cash) denomination *Hung Wu* note. It has been misrepresented many times as the earliest Chinese paper note by writers who did not bother to search out the records of numerous notes, dating back as far as at least 500 years prior to the *Ming* era, to be found in various collections. Actually, it is merely an example of an early Chinese note which exists in sufficient numbers so that a collector may hope to possess an example for his collection.¹ These are said to have been first issued in A.D. 1375, and there is evidence that they continued to be issued and circulated until the 12th year of *Ch'ung Cheng* (A.D. 1639), the very last emperor of the *Ming* dynasty.² The spacing of the Chinese characters in the lower left-hand column of the notes provides room for the insertion by hand of the proper numeral characters for the year, month, and day of issue. However, they are unknown, to date, with dates filled in with contemporary dates. About 50 copies have been examined by the writer and only ONE had the date characters inserted, and in this case it was all too obvious that they had been inserted not too long ago.

The plate reproduced is a regularly printed impression from an inked wooden plate, or an ink-squeeze rubbing taken on a thin white cotton paper from the wooden plate and reversed. The laid- and chain-lines of the paper can be seen clearly in the illustration. This produces an entirely different effect from a reproduction taken from the heavy felt-like dark gray paper of the original notes. That the illustration was taken from a wooden, and not a metal block, is

1. The fullest information available in English on the paper currency of China prior to the *Ming* dynasty (A.D. 1368) is to be found in Edkins' *Banking and Prices in China*, 1905.

2. Bushell, pp. 6-9, there are typographical errors in the date given as "(A.D. 1239)." This should be A.D. 1639. The *Ming* dynasty did not exist prior to 1368, and the mention of the "twelfth year of the reign *Ts'ung chen*" in the text correctly indicates the year 1639.

indicated from the abrasions to the design along the left-hand margin. These probably were caused by worms or accidental splintering away of portions of the wooden block.

The most interesting feature of the plate is the portion at the right-hand margin, the counterfoils, which were used for making a record of the notes issued after being cut away before the notes were placed in circulation.

The 11 Chinese characters in the vertical column at the right are the counterfoils of this issue, spaced into four groups of respectively two, four, two, and three ideographs: **Ch'nan Tsu, Erh Shih Chin Hao, Ch'uan Tsu, San Shih Hao.** The two-character groups are believed to represent the equivalent of series numbers. The four- and three-character groups, respectively, represent the numerals 29 and 30. It is not clear why two consecutive serial numbers should be placed on the counterfoil strip of one printing of a note. It is believed, however, that when the strip of paper containing them was cut away from the body of the note, it also was halved so that the upper and lower sections might be deposited in two separate bureaus of issue for their records.

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Calendar of Coming Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

April 13-16, 1961.....	State coin convention, Hotel Claremont, Oakland, Calif.
Don T. Thrall, general chairman.....	610 Arlington Ave., Berkeley 7
East Bay Coin Club and Hayward Area Coin Club, hosts.	
Nov. 2-5, 1961.....	State convention, Hotel Miramar, Santa Monica
Karl M. Brainard, general chairman....	3856 McLaughlin Ave., Los Angeles
Bay Cities Coin Club, host.	
Spring 1962.....	State convention, Sacramento
Fall 1962.....	State convention, Long Beach
Spring 1963.....	State convention, San Jose
Fall 1963.....	State convention, Santa Barbara
Fall 1964.....	State convention, Disneyland

OTHERS

March 3-5, 1961.....	NASC convention, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles
Bourse chairman.....	Karl Brainard, 3856 McLaughlin Ave., Los Angeles
Exhibits chairman.....	Paul Newell, 18004 Duncan St., Reseda
May 6-7, 1961.....	Coast Counties Coin Carnival, Civic Auditorium, Santa Cruz
Eldon Beaulieu, general chairman.....	785 Harding Ave., San Jose 26



COWRIES AND THEIR SUBSTITUTES—Chinese cowry shells were used from early neolithic times until as late as the fourteenth century A.D. Shown, left to right, from the H. F. Bowker collection, Oakland, are, top row: oceanic cowry from archeologic deposit, shell, mother of pearl, baked gray clay, stone and animal bone. Bottom row: baked red clay, lead, kwei t'ou ch'ien or "ghost's head money," i pi ch'ien or "ant's nose money," a third metallic cowry, gold-plated copper and jade. Some writers say the metallic cowries were 'borrowed' from bean-shaped coins of Aegina and Lydia, while others believe they represent a step in the evolutionary sequence from shells to metal coins. Photograph courtesy Alan D. Craig, Berkeley.

The Story Behind Money

By LEO A. YOUNG, Oakland

The story behind money is the story of how man has progressed to our present-day civilization. This story had its beginning in the very earliest stages of civilization. Although quite hard for us to conceive, there was a time when there was no money of any kind in the world.

Most students of primitive man are agreed that the first actual use and need of a barter medium (money) probably was to assist man in acquiring and fulfilling his desire for a wife. He had a choice, therefore, with the advent of money, to buy her from her family instead of raiding her home and village to steal her. (It generally is considered today that our dowries and wedding gifts are a direct continuation of the age-old practice of buying a mate.)

Man's second basic need of money probably was to pay for the "letting of blood." Injuring, maiming or killing another man called for the practice of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Money enabled man to

buy his freedom. Earliest writing as stated by the Bible, by Homer, by Kublai Khan, and others, refers to man's use of money to obtain his freedom as well as a mate.

Barter is, of course, the simplest and most direct of the ways in which man can dispose of his surplus goods in exchange for other things he wants. When a barter unit becomes well enough established to have a definite accepted value, it then is a short step to the multiplying or dividing of this unit and money has developed.

The beaver skin of Hudson Bay fame is an excellent example. Beaver skins were bartered by trappers and Indians for their needs. Soon, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ beaver skin values were established. The next step was to make metal disks with these values stamped on them. The disks found ready acceptance because they were easy to handle and store.

One of the Latin words for money is *pecunia*, which originates from

pecus, meaning cattle or sheep. From the word **capita**, meaning heads of beasts, we get our word capital. In a passage of the Iliad by Homer (VI, 235-236), the value of two different sets of armor is stated in terms of oxen.

In our Bible, Job 42: 11-12, "The Lord blessed Job, for he had 14,000 sheep, 6000 camels and 1000 yoke of oxen . . ." In Genesis 13:2, it is stated, "And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold."

Homer mentions no use of money but speaks of a bar of brass as being equal in value to one ox and of a woman or slave as being worth four oxen.

Where transactions are mentioned involving the use of "money" in all of our early writings, the reference is to crude lumps and cast ingots of metal, usually gold or silver. In Genesis 23: 2-20 we read of the aged Abraham buying a cave as a burial place for his wife and weighing out to

Ephron "four hundred shekels of silver" for its purchase.

Earliest recorded history, such as drawings found in pre-historic caves, on the walls of tombs, and on Babylonian clay tablets, shows that man already had developed such metals as iron, copper, lead and gold. More than 7000 years ago the ancient Chaldeans were using clay tablets to keep track of their business transactions in cuneiform writing. Usually these tablets covered the sale of sheep and transferred the ownership of them.

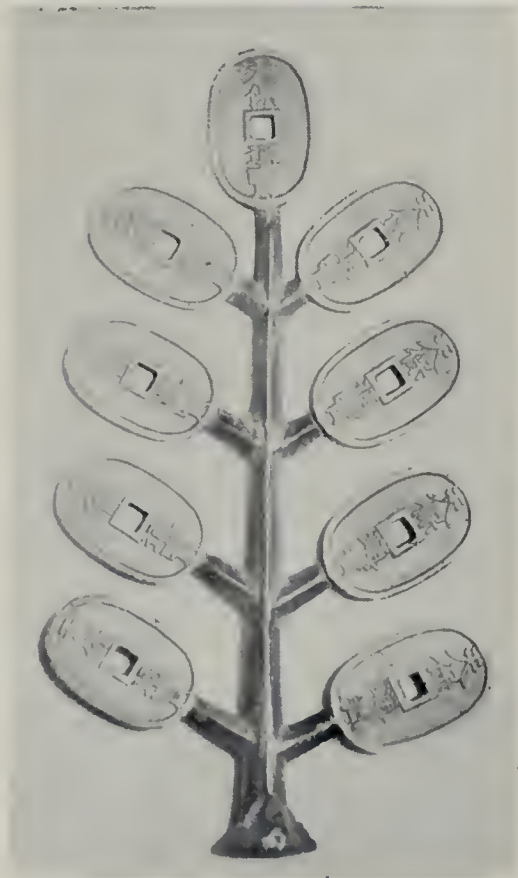
Among the most ancient of metals designed to be used as money are some of the bronze spades, fish and bridge shapes, and other weird and unusual shapes from ancient China.

We do not find a definite reference to coins in the Old Testament until we read in Ezra 2:69, "They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work three score and one thousand drams of gold and five thousand pounds of silver . . ." The American revised version uses the phrase "darics of gold," instead of the word **dram**. The word **daric** is considered by students of numismatics to be a more accurate translation and refers to small gold coins issued by the Persians. (A coin is a piece of metal of fixed weight, alloy, design and value, bearing an identifying mark of the recognized and accepted authorities issuing it.) We believe King Croesus of Lydia (560-546 B.C.) was the first to so issue coins now known as **darics**.

Money in any of its many forms once used by man soon became and remained one of his greatest obsessions.

Coins, since their invention some 650 years B.C., quite accurately can be looked upon as miniature monuments of history. They tell a vivid story of man, his culture and of many world events.

A wonderful example of the story money can tell is that given us in the birth, rise, and fall of the Roman Empire. The birth of this great Empire started with the crude cast coinage of the Aes. As culture and refinement grew in the Empire, beauty of the design, clarity of feature and purity of metal were very pronounced in the coinage. But just as soon as debasement, thievery, and falseness became the accepted rule of the day, so did this same debasement and falseness appear in the coins. Of



'TREE' MONEY, JAPAN, 1835-1870. Nine oval copper coins, cast in tree shape and broken off as needed. This one is a forgery, as most are. Kappen collection specimen.

course, when the Roman Empire passed in history, so too did its coinage.

In many other parts of the world, however, civilization progressed at a much slower pace. Many parts of Africa, Tibet, Mongolia, Borneo, Australia and South America even today are relatively uncivilized, and people live almost as their forefathers did many, many hundreds of years ago.

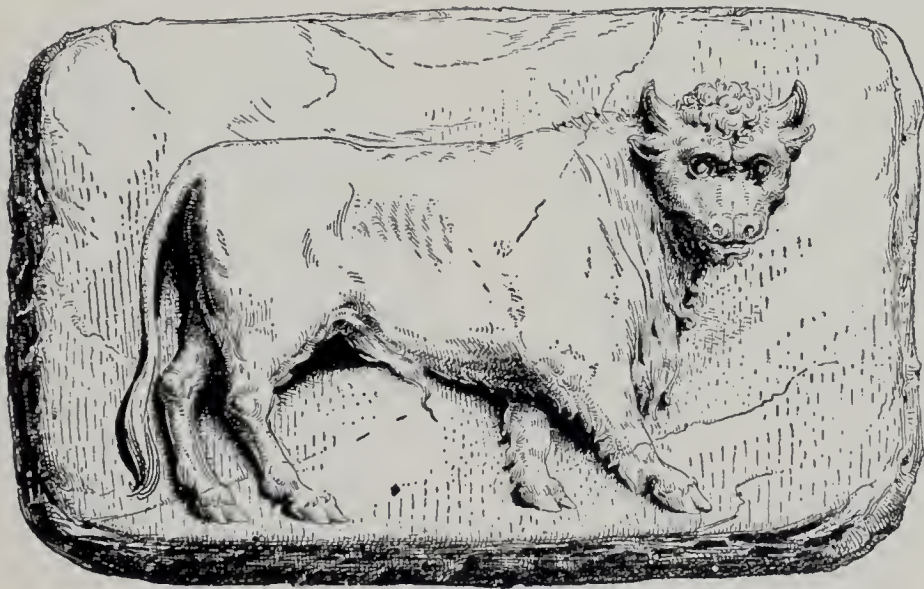
Cowrie shells generally are conceded to be the earliest form of money. Records show that the cowrie shell has been used in practically every corner of the earth as money and, indeed, is still being used in many places.

Suleiman, the Arab merchant, in his writings from the ninth century A.D., describes the riches of the Maldiv Islands, riches which consisted almost entirely of cowrie shells. Cowrie shells and simbos, a very similar shell being more circular and fragile, in 1905 had a scale value with the Bohuana tribe of Central Africa as follows: 10 cowries equal 1 mitako (brass rod 6 inches long); 20 mitako equal 1 fowl; 100 mitako equal 1 salt (2 to 3 pounds); 2 salts equal a he-goat; 4 salts equal a big she-goat; 20 salts equal a male slave.



BOAR'S TUSK MONEY, New Hebrides, New Guinea and Torres Islands, Pacific Ocean. More valuable when it makes a complete circle, as this one does. Kappen collection.

value of a woman. Cameron, the famous British explorer in Africa, relates in his travels from East to West that he started off with the usual assortment of trade beads and trade goods but found on crossing Lake Tanganyika that beads no longer were currency and he had to lay in a large supply of copper



AES SIGNATUM, ANCIENT ROME

When cowries first were brought into the Uganda, in Africa, two would purchase a woman. A generation later, it took 2000-3000 of them to purchase a male slave, one-half the

crosses. When he reached Nyangwe on the Lualaba River, an important market town where he expected to buy a canoe to continue his journey, nothing was accepted as money ex-



KEDAH, MALACCA, 'ROOSTER' MONEY, two rings or 200 doits. Made of lead about 1850. Extremely rare. This was the coin used by Dr. Al M. Rackus, Chicago numismatist, to adorn the cover of his catalogs of odd and curious moneys. Kappen collection.

cept slaves, goats and cowrie shells. He was delayed there for weeks, buying cowrie shells at the exorbitant rate of three or four pennies each until he had acquired enough of them to buy a canoe from the village chief.

Oriental philosophers have predicted that when all of the earth's present monetary units and systems have passed away, the cowrie shell still will be sought and desired as a unit of value.

Next to cowries, salt probably is the next most universal substance used as money. Literally scores of African tribes have used and are still using salt. Primarily, however, it is the basic currency of Abyssinia and neighboring tribes. It is mined as a mineral in large slabs, then is cut into pieces. Salt is current as money from the Red Sea across the entire African continent. As it is dug out of the pits, it is cut into slabs a hand and one-half long, four fingers broad and three fingers thick. When first dug, 100 of these blocks may be worth less than a ducat. Two days' journey away from the salt mines, however, six to ten blocks are worth a ducat. And as it travels further, one block eventually will purchase a slave and finally— and there are several records of this—blocks of salt have been traded for equal weight in gold.

Major Powell Cotton, traveling in 1899, found that Menelik's silver and

copper coins of Ethiopia were accepted only by the natives close to the capital. Beyond that, salt bars of varying sizes were the medium of exchange. In commerce it was customary that pieces of salt bars would be broken off, and very accurately, in exchange for goods and services. In our country it is customary to offer our friends refreshments in the form of drink, fruit, or smoke. In many African tribes that policy also is followed except that their friends often are offered a lick of salt. Usually this is done by the visitor wetting his fingers on his tongue, then passing his fingers over the salt bar, then back to the tongue. In other parts of Africa where the salt is not readily mined in bricks or tablets, it is put up in hand woven wicker baskets called *kassankara*.

It's of interest to note that history records salt being used as currency in, among other places, Sumatra, Mexico, China, Italy, Tibet, India, and Africa. Romans paid part of their legionaries wages in salt. The Latin word for salt was *solarium* from which our word "salary" is derived, a direct derivation from the practice of paying wages in salt. I am sure you are familiar also with the say-



YAP ISLAND STONE MONEY, value one pig. Dr. William Vatcher, political science professor at San Jose State College, used this small one (4½-in. diameter) as a paper-weight in his office on Yap immediately following surrender of Japanese there. Kappen collection.

ing of a person not being "worth his salt." This again refers to wages paid in salt. One of our basic superstitions, that of throwing salt over our left shoulder when it is spilled, goes back to the high regard and value placed on salt and the severe consequences that followed if it were needlessly wasted.

For many years, the power of a nation has been measured more in the quality of its money than in the might of its armies. Debasement of money, which is the reducing of the metal worth in the coin by adding more and more alloy and less and less of gold and silver, first was begun by the Greeks and Romans.

That we have followed in their footsteps, to a degree at least, our present day inflation will testify. So the story behind money tells not only of the birth of a convenience—our coinage—but also includes the story of the birth and death of great empires, dictators, and kingdoms. It truly is a most wonderful story.

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CAN YOU HELP?

CALCOIN TO ANA LIBRARY

Charles M. Johnson, assistant editor of *Calcoin News*, has assembled a complete set of back issues of the magazine, except Vol. 2, Nos. 1 and 2 (January and June, 1948) which will be bound and given to the American Numismatic Association library for a reference work, when the missing issues are obtained. If you have copies of the missing issues, please mail them to Johnson at 3521 Vista St., Long Beach. ANA members will have available the articles and information contained in the back issues of *Calcoin News*.

CSNA has placed the ANA library on its mailing list, in order that the set may be kept current by addition of future issues.

EXIT THE LOWLY FARTHING

Jan. 1, 1961, marks the end of the "fourthling," the word "farthing" is Queen Elizabeth II issued a royal proclamation under Section 11 of the Coinage Act of 1870, to that effect. It generally was felt that the coin had outlived its usefulness and that the general public would be served best by withdrawing it from circulation. The fourth-penny bronze coin, a lowly cog in Britain's economy for centuries, bows from the scene.

First called "feorthing," then "fourthling," the word "farthing" is found in the New Testament (Matthew v, 26, and Luke xxi, 2). The English farthing first was a quarter cut from a silver penny of Edward the Confessor. First farthings of silver were struck under Edward I and last ones under Edward VI. They have been struck in tin, and gold farthings are mentioned in an Act of Henry V. They first were struck in copper during the reign of James I. Quarter, third and half farthings have been struck for colonial use.

CSNA GETS CURTIS PICTURES

Mrs. C. Glenn Curtis recently gave more than 1000 pictures and 2000 slides of people, events and coins photographed by her late husband to the California State Numismatic Association. This gift was accepted by the Association and a committee composed of Bryan Burke, Dan Harley and Charles Colver was appointed to arrange the slides and pictures in sets with appropriate titles. They will be lent to coin clubs and others for showing. Many of the pictures of people and events associated with CSNA will be turned over to Erich Werling, CSNA curator-historian, for preservation. Slide sets will be known as the "Dr. Curtis Memorial Educational Slides."

Dr. Curtis will be long remembered as the jovial official and unofficial CSNA photographer who at one time or another, down through the years, photographed nearly everyone "ready or not" at numismatic gatherings and conventions. In addition, Dr. Curtis combined his hobbies of numismatics and photography to make photographic slides of coins, from his own and other collections.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

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CHARLES G. COLVER
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By R. G. McARTHUR

This story concerns a collector who enjoys adding to another numismatist's collection as much as he does putting a coin into his own.

Charles G. Colver was born Dec. 2, 1920, at Pomona, Calif. He was raised on an orange ranch near Covina, Calif., in which city his father, William C. Colver, now resides. As a boy, he worked for the local dairy during weekends and vacations ("3 o'clock a.m. comes early even at that age"). His spare time was spent as caddie on the golf course at Big Bear. Charlie attended Covina grammar school, Covina High School and Chaffey College, being graduated with an associate of arts degree.

During World War II, Colver deserted the cows and golfers in favor of the U.S. Army, serving as machine gunner in the 45th Infantry Division. He modestly states that he "served in France and Germany and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star." According to Bryan Burke, however, "Charlie's military background is one worthy of a movie in Hollywood. Yet there are but two or three persons who know of his actions during the famous Battle of the Bulge. He has a fine collection of medals, awarded to him for heroism, but they have never been displayed."

On Sept. 29, 1945, Charles and Mary ("We met at the age of 5") were married. They have three children: John, Edward and Marylou, ages 13, 11 and 8. Prior to 1946, Colver was employed for a short time as tool and die maker for the Douglas Aircraft Co. Since that time, his work has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, as fire



dispatcher, Angeles National Forest.

Charlie began collecting coins in 1927. "My grandmother gave me an English florin that her brother had brought back after World War I. It aroused my interest. If it is a coin, I collect it, but U.S. and British are my favorites. I formerly collected U.S. series and gold types, but lately I have gone foreign and am mainly interested in British. With my original florin as a background and some time spent in England during the war, I really got going on British during the past 10 years."

In 1952, Colver joined CSNA as member No. 542 and ANA as No. 20075. He is a past president and currently is a director of the Orange County Coin Club. He has been a director and at present is president of the San Bernardino County Coin Club. A charter member of the Covina Coin Club, he is one of its directors.

Charlie takes his numismatics seriously and has made the rounds of local coin clubs, churches and service clubs, making displays and talking on both English and U.S. coins. A permanent display of his numismatic material is maintained in the lobby

of the Covina Branch of the Bank of America. He has won several awards for displays at CSNA conventions. He served on the awards committee at the Santa Barbara convention in 1956, was co-chairman for the Riverside convention in 1958 and assistant general chairman for the Pasadena convention in 1959. To assist him in his numismatic endeavors, he maintains an extensive library, including many books and publications on British colonials.

Colver has written numerous articles for publication, including "English Coins, Why Not?" in the July 1957 *Calcoin News* and the January 1959 *Numismatist*, and "Victoria Regina" in the September 1958 *Calcoin News*. These two articles won him the CSNA silver medal for best article of the year in *Calcoin News*. Bryan O. Burke Jr., green-eyed with envy, has this to say, "My only thought of regret about Charlie is that he has won two top awards for literature. This seems like hoarding the CSNA medals to me."

In addition to the numismatic organizations mentioned above, Charley holds membership in the Disabled American Veterans, 45th Infantry Division Association, Presbyterian Voyagers Club, Chaffey College John Muir Club, American Forestry Association, National Rifle Association

and the Southern California Association of Foresters and Firewardens. "My other hobbies, however, such as guns and shooting, have taken a back seat to numismatics these last few years."

Charles Colver speaks for most of us when he says, "One of the biggest pleasures of my life has been the associations with the people I have met through numismatics. It would indeed become a dull world if I were to lose my hobby."

BRAINARD GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Karl Brainard, CSNA director and popular Southern California numismatist, will be general chairman for the fall 1961 California State Numismatic Association convention, to be held at the Hotel Miramar, Santa Monica. Bay Cities Coin Club will be host club for the convention and already is laying groundwork. The 400-room Miramar Hotel, atop the Palisades overlooking the blue Pacific, is beautifully situated and will provide all facilities for a top convention. Mark your calendar for this one!

—————CSNA—————

The value of spices was so great in the late fifteenth century that occasionally they were used as money; taxes and rents, for example, were assessed and paid in pepper.

ANA PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

During the October convention of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association in Washington, D.C., the ANA president held an informal luncheon conference with William Brett, director of the Mint, Leland Howard, assistant director of the Mint, and C. C. Shroyer, ANA first vice president, also attended the meeting.

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss areas in which the ANA can more effectively cooperate with those agencies of the federal government responsible for enforcing federal law and regulations applicable to coinage and to discuss areas in which existing regulations can be clarified for the mutual benefit and protection of the coin collector and the federal enforcement agencies.

President Dodson proposed that a

committee of qualified numismatists be appointed from the ANA membership to study this problem and to forward their recommendations to the ANA executive board. After further study and approval of the executive board, these recommendations then would be forwarded to the director of the Mint for study and such action as would appear to be feasible. Mr. Brett expressed warm interest in this proposal and stated that he would welcome the opportunity to study the recommendations of such a committee.

The president has requested the ANA executive board to recommend members for appointment to this important committee. The membership will be kept informed on further developments on this subject in which so many collectors are so deeply interested.—O. H. Dodson

Guides for Exhibits Room?

Everyone with whom I talked after the state convention at San Diego assured me that this meeting was one of the best and most enjoyed of all CSNA conventions. Not one person, member or guest, registered any complaint.

As I started home, feeling that it was a complete success and perhaps perfect by previous convention standards, it occurred to me that we must not become self-satisfied, but should look for possible ways to make our conventions ever better. So I looked back and tried to see where improvements might be made.

The first idea that came to my mind had to do with exhibits by members of the association. The thought really was induced by a conversation I had with Thelma Case during the convention in regard to the importance of the exhibit show. My attention became focused on the large crowd of people in the bourse room and then on the relatively few people in the exhibit room. This difference prevailed most of the times that I visited both rooms. Why was there such a great difference?

It might be said that the location of the exhibit room had something to do with this, being behind and around the corner from the bourse room, thus requiring visitors to thread their way through a long aisle full of people to get to the hallway that led to the exhibit room. This kind of a situation often exists where there is no other choice of rooms that will fill our convention needs. What must be done, then, to overcome any disadvantage in room location, is to have adequate directional signs posted to guide people to the exhibits. We first must let all newcomers know that we have wonderful educational displays and then tell them where to find them. Some of the strangers who got as far as the bourse room probably thought that the dealer displays constituted the convention exhibits.

Omissions in directing visitors to the exhibits can and will be corrected.

But they are not nearly so important as the lack of direction in the exhibit room itself. Although most of the exhibits are very instructive and so arranged as to be self-explanatory to a numismatist, there always is much to know about them that cannot be told by the exhibit itself. In the bourse room every dealer is ready to talk about the items he has on display and to answer questions about them.

If arrangements can be made to have one or more members of the host club present during exhibit hours to be guides who can talk to those who care to learn more about the exhibits, it would give much greater value to the displays, as well as to the entire subject of numismatics. These guides should be chosen for their experience and knowledge of the exhibit subjects. They should be given suitably marked ribbons or badges so that they will be easily recognized by visitors. It is my opinion that such service will do much to improve and advance our exhibits so that they will be the top attraction at our conventions.

Although it will call for more work by the exhibit committee, it will be worth the effort if a list of the exhibits can be compiled at the start of the convention, typed, duplicated, and made available to registrants at the registration desk and to visitors in the exhibit room. Names of exhibitors in competition for awards would, of course, have to be omitted.

The foregoing are ideas which I consider as possible ways for promoting and improving what I believe to be the most important feature of our conventions. They are not entirely new or unheard of. But their application would be new. So I urge the next convention committee to give them careful study and, if possible, give them a trial.

If there are any members who also have ideas for improving the convention exhibits, they are invited to send them to me or to the editor of

Calcoin News. No doubt there are exhibitors at past conventions who would like to express themselves on this subject.

What I have had to say here does not reflect in any way on the exhibit committees of the past who always have worked hard and have given so much of their time to this part of our conventions. They deserve our thanks and compliments for jobs well done. My only purpose is to make our meetings ever better.

—————CSNA—————

According to the late Robert L. Ripley, "All the gold mined from the beginning of time could be contained in a 45-foot cube."

Obituaries

LEWIS A. MOORMAN
CSNA 795

Lewis A. Moorman, 49, was born in Sauk Centre, Minn. A resident of Berkeley for 25 years, he operated a coin and antique business. He was a member of the Lions Club, Elks, Antique Dealers of Northern California, and of the East Bay, Hayward Area, Concord, Vallejo, San Francisco and Richmond Coin Clubs. He also was a member of the American Numismatic Association, the California State Numismatic Association, and the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Stricken with a heart attack Nov. 23, he died next day.

Surviving are his wife, Grace, who was associated with him in the business; two children, James of Berkeley and Mrs. Janet Rohrer of Oceanside; a grandson; a sister and four brothers.

Services were conducted Nov. 26 at Berkeley Hills Chapel by the Rev. LeRoy Futscher.

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Most of us seek coin only to spend but occasionally the collecting virus bites and a numismatist is born. Coin collectors come in many sizes and few in the Eastbay have not paid a visit to Lewis A. Moorman. A quiet, modest man, he inspired countless hobbyists who came to his Berkeley shop to acquire coins and left with a dividend of friendship.

If his chief interest was numismatics his first love was humanity, for he always recognized that the fraternity of collectors was but a unit in the brotherhood of man. This led him to give literally hundreds of dollars in merchandise to budding collectors.

He never missed a chance to publicize his interest but he avoided the spotlight personally. Consequently, although well known to hobbyists throughout the U. S., he received relatively little recognition in the Bay Area outside collectors' circles. Death, which came quietly but suddenly to "Lew" Moorman on Thanksgiving, has taken a fine citizen.

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—Editorial,
Oakland Tribune, Nov. 26.

MRS. ANNA F. WARDLOW
CSNA 790

Mrs. Anna F. Wardlow, 1465 Louisiana St., Vallejo, died in September after a long illness. Interment was in the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno.

Mrs. Wardlow was born in Victoria, B. C., and resided in Vallejo for 21 years. She and her husband owned and operated the Vallejo Pharmacy for many years. Besides membership in the California State Numismatic Association, Mrs. Wardlow was active in the Vallejo Hospital Guild and the Solano County Cancer Society and was a member of the Vallejo Numismatic Society.

HOWARD L. STOLPER
CSNA 586

Howard Stolper of Burbank died suddenly Oct. 20. He was widely known in Southern California as a collector and bourse dealer at several clubs. He held membership No. 586 in CSNA and was a member of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, San Fernando Valley Coin Club, West Valley Coin Club and Los Angeles Coin Club. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

ALBERT S. McCAY
CSNA 969

Albert S. McCay was born in Kansas March 7, 1882, and died in Santa Cruz, Calif., Aug. 7, 1960. Services were held Aug. 10 at Wessendorf Chapel, Dr. Heber St. Clair Mahood officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

United States Depression Scrip

A CATALOG, PERIOD OF THE '30s

By RALPH A. MITCHELL and CHARLES V. KAPPEN

ILLINOIS

Continued from Fall 1960

Chicago

Chicago Clearing House Association certificates

Printed on white paper by the American Bank Note Co., except for the \$10 certificate, which was a product of the Columbian Bank Note Co. First issue, which was lithographed, consisted of \$1 brown and \$5 blue, with blank reverses. These were to be exchanged for engraved certificates between April 15-30, 1933. Bearing same date, engraved certificates consisted of \$5 black, with black ornamental reverse; \$10 black with green ornamental reverse; \$20 black with orange ornamental reverse; and \$50 black with salmon ornamental reverse. On left of the lithographed first issue notes is head of Liberty, within circle, looking to front. Denomination in same position on right. Size, $2\frac{7}{8}$ x 6 in. Remaining certificates, except \$10, have Liberty head facing left at left center of obverse, and measure $2\frac{7}{8}$ x $5\frac{7}{8}$ in. The \$10 denomination pictures Fort Dearborn at left center within circle. It measures $2\frac{5}{8}$ x $6\frac{1}{8}$ in. and is serially numbered in blue, whereas all other denominations are numbered in red. All certificates bear printed signatures of Howard M. Sims, secretary-treasurer, and F. R. Elliott, president. Total amount printed was \$20,000,000. The certificates never were issued, according to D. J. Breen of the Clearing House Association. A limited number were perforated CANCELED and the remainder burned. Stamped on reverse: THIS CERTIFICATE NEVER ISSUED / AND IS OF NO VALUE. Dated March 8, 1933.

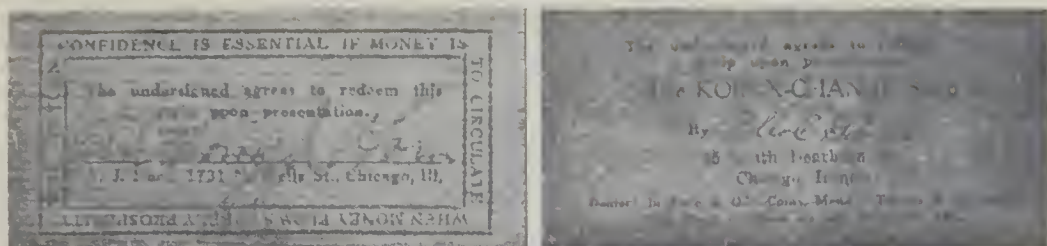
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| 10. \$1 lithographed. <i>Plate.</i> | 11. \$5 lithographed. |
| 12. \$5 engraved. <i>Plate.</i> | 13. \$10 engraved. <i>Plate.</i> |
| 14. \$20 engraved. | |
| 15. \$50 engraved. | |

Chicago Mail Order Co.

$2\frac{7}{8}$ x $6\frac{7}{8}$ in.

Although refund checks did not have their beginning with the depression of the 1930s, they were used during that period as money, being endorsed from one person to another, or cashed at banks. Chicago refund checks of the period 1932-1934 are listed under Chicago Mail Order Co., Montgomery Ward & Co., and Sears Roebuck and Co. Issues of the Chicago Mail Order Co. during this period were printed on white paper in black and red, over yellow background. Border, black. Serial number, red. Payable through Continental Illinois National Bank of Chicago. Perforated signature of M. Rich, assistant treasurer of the company.

16. Various amounts, \$1 or less.



NOVELTY WOODEN SCRIP, CHICAGO—HORN AND GILMORE ISSUES

Anthony J. Horn

13¼ x 35⁄8 in.

Novelty wooden money issued by Anthony J. Horn, 1731 N. Wells St., Chicago. Redeemable for 5 cents upon presentation. Obverse printed in green; reverse, red. On obverse, within ruled border: CONFIDENCE IS ESSENTIAL IF MONEY IS / TO CIRCULATE. / WHEN MONEY FLOWS FREELY PROSPERITY / WILL RETURN. Hand signed by Anthony J. Horn. In each corner of reverse: 5c. Within border: THIS SCRIP IS WORTH / ONE NICKEL / In U. S. Currency.

International Harvester Company

31¼ x 71½ in.

Dated March 15, 1933. Printed in dark pink on white paper, over light pink background. Dark pink border. Name of company and denomination in white. Serially numbered. Signed by W. V. Keller, comptroller, and A. B. Keller, treasurer. Ornamental reverse, INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY through center. Lithographed by American Bank Note Co. The company intended to use the scrip for payroll and current operating expenses, but destroyed it when it was found that it would not be necessary to use it, according to J. G. Christie of the treasurer's office.

17. \$1. 18. \$5. Plate. 19. \$10. 20. \$20.

Koin-X-Change Shop

13¼ x 35⁄8 in.

Novelty wooden money issued by Rollo E. Gilmore of the Koin-X-Change Shop, 35 S. Dearborn St., Chicago. Redeemable for 5 cents upon presentation at the coin shop. Obverse printed in green; reverse, red. On obverse: The undersigned agrees to redeem this / scrip upon presentation. / The KOIN-X-CHANGE Shop / By Rollo E. Gilmore / 35 South Dearborn St., / Chicago, Illinois / Dealers in Rare & Odd Coins, Medals, Tokens & Currency. / Coin Book of prices we pay for coins, 25c. Reverse same as that of the Anthony J. Horn wooden money.

Larkin Co., Inc., merchandise bond

21½ x 51½ in.

Undated (June 1933). Printed on buff safety paper, 25-cent denomination in black; 50-cent, green; \$1, blue; \$2.50, red. Ornamental border and portrait of founder of the company (at left) in denomination color. To right of portrait and slightly left of note center: THIS BOND, PROPERLY ENDORSED, / IS REDEEMABLE IN MERCHANDISE AT THE LARKIN DEPARTMENT / STORE, OR ANY LARKIN FOOD / STORE OR LARKIN GASOLINE / STATION. Serially numbered in black. Printed signature of John D. Larkin Jr., president. Reverse has same border as obverse and bears line for endorsement.

21. 25 cents. 22. 50 cents. 23. \$1. 24. \$2.50. Plate.

Montgomery Ward & Co., refund check 3 x 7 in.

Printed in black on white paper. over blue background; border in black. Amount, serial number and NOT GOOD FOR / MORE THAN / ONE DOLLAR in red. Year date (1933) and signature in blue. Signed by A. T. Hurjing, assistant to the treasurer. Reverse blank.

25. Various amounts, \$1 or less. *Plate.*

Sears Roebuck and Co., refund check 3 x 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

Printed in black on pink safety paper (Revised form of May 20, 1932). Serially numbered. Printed signature, Sears Roebuck and Co. Reverse blank.

26. Various amounts, \$1 or less. *Plate.*

United Trade Dollar Exchange, Inc. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

Undated (1939). Printed in blue on light blue paper; "Guarantee", serial number and "\$1.00 IN TRADE" printed in red. Hand signed by J. F. DeNeve or Eric G. Tavs, president, and F. A. Winger, treasurer. Guarantee provisions on obverse; spaces on reverse for 12 3-cent stamps, for key number (assigned each member), for expiration date (in 1939) and for name of original purchaser.

27. \$1. *Plate.*

The United Trade Dollar Exchange, Inc., 4922 W. Division St., Chicago, issued "United Trade Dollars" to facilitate "barter and trade among members and their associates". A trade dollar with stamp affixed was sold to anyone for 90 cents. It was redeemed for 90 cents by the corporation when fully stamped and a 10-cent service charge had been paid. Stamps were obtainable from the corporation. Expiration date was 60 days from date of issue, but if the "dollar" passed its due date it could be exchanged for a new one, providing a 3-cent stamp were affixed for each month since issue date.

Uptown North Clark Street Business Men's Association 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.

Undated (1937-1938). Printed in green on white (Goes) paper, over orange background; ornamental border in orange. "Dividend Sharing Certificate" at top; association seal in center; on left of seal: This Certificate is good for / One Dollar's worth of Mer- / chandise at any of the Mer- / chants on the reverse side. / Void After Dec. 15, 1937. To right of seal: ONE / Redeemable for face amount / in Merchandise only and / must be countersigned. Line for signature. Over each border corner: \$1. Printed in green over orange ornamental background on reverse are names of 62 merchants where the certificate was redeemable.

28. \$1. *Plate.*

Uptown North Clark Street Business Men's Association 4 x 5 in.

Printed in black on white (Goes) paper; ornamental border in brown. At top: Dividend Sharing Certificate / This certificate is good for one dollars worth of / merchandise at any of the merchants listed / on the reverse side hercof. At center, in large figures: \$1.00. At bottom: Void after December 24, 1938 / Redcemable for face amount only and must be countersigned. Line for signature. Association seal at lower left. Ornamental border and list of 45 merchants who accepted the scrip are printed in black on reverse.

29. \$1. *Plate.*

Decatur

Decatur Clearing House Association certificates 25 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 6 in.

Dated March 10, 1933. Printed in black on buff (\$1), bluish-green (\$5) and unknown color (\$10) safety paper. Serially numbered. Payable only through Decatur Clearing House at Millikin National Bank, National Bank of Decatur, or Citizens National Bank. Printed signature of O. B. Gorm, president. Hand countersigned by one of several persons. Reverse blank, except for statement through center: This certificate does not require endorsement.

30. \$1. Plate. 31. \$5. 32. \$10.

Decatur Board of Education 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 11 in.

Large cooperation check bearing 50 endorsements.

33. \$1.

Decatur Public Schools.

Checks or orders on the treasurer, issued during latter part of 1932 to pay teachers' salaries that were due and for which there was no money at the time. Drew 6 per cent interest from issue date until paid. William Harris was superintendent of schools.

34. Various amounts.

Des Plaines

Merchants Relief Association Clearing House

Clearing House and merchants "records" were issued. Denomination entered by hand; \$3 and \$10 known. Signed by W. I. Morava.

35. \$3. 36. \$10.

Evanston

Evanston Independent Retail Merchants Association 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Undated (1933). Printed in black on white paper, over salmon background; central and border lettering in white. Serially numbered in red. Portrait of Theodore Roosevelt at left; at right, stamped statement that \$1 had been deposited in the bank to secure payment of the certificate. Hand signature of P. G. Rapp, president, or of Peter N. Jans, executive secretary, and of F. J. Kihm, treasurer. Spaces on reverse for 50 2-cent stamps. Lithographed by the American Bank Note Co.

37. \$1. Plate.

In order to stimulate retail sales and to provide the city of Evanston with a means of meeting its payroll and current operating expenses (at a time when city securities were difficult to sell), the Evanston Independent Retail Merchants Association, 1020 David St., Evanston, in January 1933 began an issue of certificates known as "Eirma" (from the initials of the association) money. An Evanston bank advanced \$5000 for the city's use in backing up the first issue of 5000 Eirma dollars. Dollars sold to the public for \$1 each and were accepted by merchant members of the EIRMA at face value. City employees were paid in the certificates. Every time an Eirma dollar changed hands a 2-cent stamp, purchased from the association, was affixed to its reverse. When 50 stamps had been so attached, the scrip was redeemed in United States currency. Merchants received city tax anticipation warrants equal

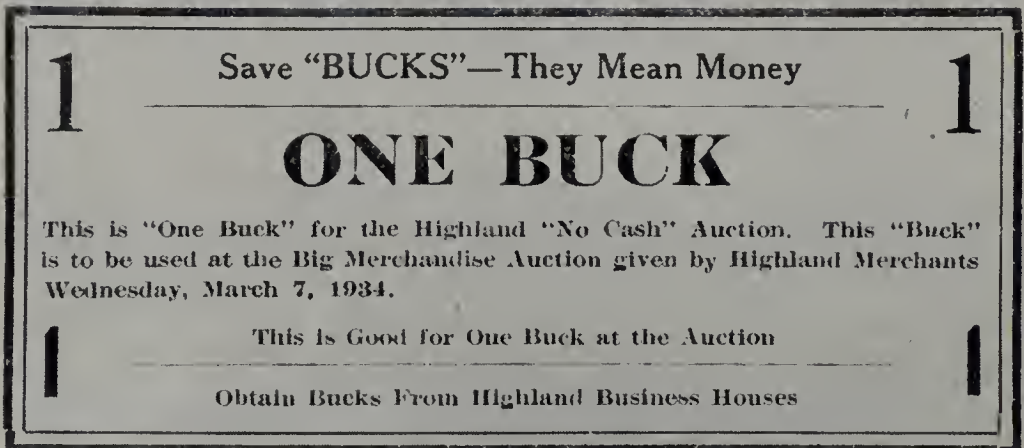
in amount to the stamps they purchased. The plan later was copyrighted and sold for \$5 to any individual, association, county, city or town desiring it. The association campaigned for national use of stamped money and sent copies of the plan to Pres.-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sens. J. Hamilton Lewis (Ill.) and John H. Bankhead (Ala.) and Congressman Samuel B. Pettengill (Ind.). The certificates increased retail sales and kept the city of Evanston on a cash basis.

Highland

Highland Merchants

2 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.

Undated (1934). Printed in black on white paper. Double-rule border. Denomination at each corner, within border; ONE BUCK slightly above note center. Above: Save "BUCKS"—They Mean Money. Below: This is "One Buck" for the Highland "No Cash" Auction. This "Buck" / is to be used at the Big Merchandise Auction given by Highland Merchants / Wednesday, March 7, 1934. / This is Good for One Buck at the Auction / Obtain Bucks From Highland Business Houses. Reverse blank.



HIGHLAND, ILL., AUCTION SCRIP—ONE BUCK

This auction money was used by merchants of Highland as an advertising stunt. Business men donated articles of food, clothing, jewelry and hardware, and then for six weeks gave out these bucks with each 50-cent purchase at their stores. At the auction, bucks were used to bid on the dealers' donations. The issue consisted of 1, 5, 10 and 20 bucks.

DIES DESTROYED ANNUALLY

According to statutes now in effect, the obverse working dies at each mint are destroyed at the end of the calendar year, after having been defaced, in the presence of the superintendent and the assayer. When the question arises in connection with certain issues as to which side is the obverse and which the reverse, the die bearing the date is considered the obverse. — The Numismatist, May 1942, Page 371.

HAS 18722 HALF DOLLAR

J. Sam Norwood of the PCNS, San Francisco, while a teller at Wells Fargo, picked up a U. S. half dollar, CC mint, 1872, double struck so that it shows perfect date of 18722.

He also has an excellent example of the 1804 U. S. dollar, altered date (Confirmed by H. L. Hill, old-time coin dealer, since deceased.)

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Money orders were first accepted by the U.S. postal department in 1864.

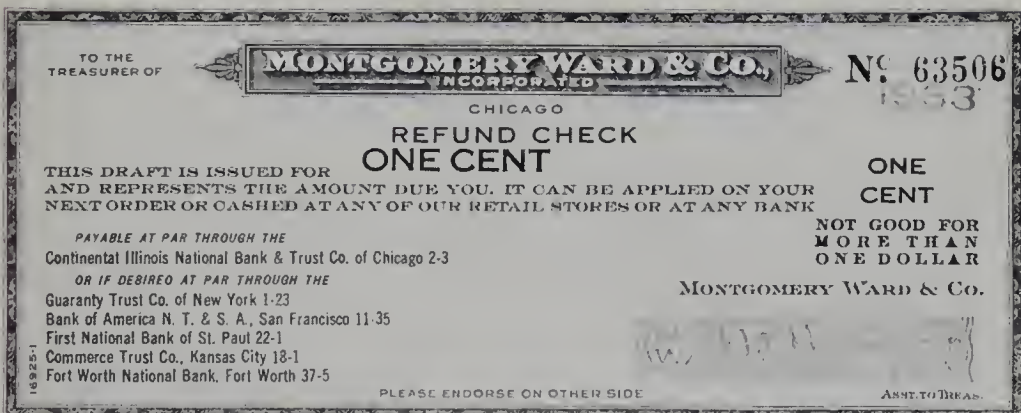
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ILLINOIS No. 18
 Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World



ILLINOIS No. 24



ILLINOIS No. 25

SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO.

X B 557411

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This voucher, under above number, is issued for **Three Cents Only** and represents the balance due you on your order.

This voucher is used solely for small amounts (One Dollar and under). It will be recognized as so much cash in the purchase of goods when endorsed on the reverse side by the customer to whom it is issued, and sent to us, or presented at any one of our many retail stores. It is void if altered or changed in any way.

TO TREASURER'S OFFICE
SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO.
CHICAGO
F1-17003
REV. 6-29-32

Sears Roebuck and Co

3 Cents

ILLINOIS No. 26

UNITED TRADE DOLLAR		
CHICAGO	Guarantee	ILLINOIS
This trade dollar will be redeemed for ninety cents, by the United Trade Dollar Exchange, Incorporated, providing it is properly stamped and a 10 cent service charge is paid. No 26176	A United Trade Dollar Stamp must be placed on the reverse side.	This trade dollar has been registered in the Treasurer's Office of the United Trade Dollar Exchange, Incorporated. \$1.00 IN TRADE <i>Be Nive</i> Pres. <i>W. W. W.</i> Treas.

ILLINOIS No. 27

No 414

Dividend Sharing Certificate

This Certificate is good for One Dollar's worth of Merchandise at any of the Merchants on the reverse side. Void After Dec. 15, 1937

UPTOWN
NORTH CLARK STREET
BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION
A SHOPPING CENTER FOR EVERYBODY
FOR SHOPPING
WITH QUALITY AND SERVICE

ONE

Redeemable for face amount in Merchandise only and must be countersigned.

Signed _____

ILLINOIS No. 28

PLATE 37



ILLINOIS No. 29

DECATUR, ILL., MARCH 10, 1933

Clearing House Certificate N^o 4014 A

This certificate is protected by securities deposited with the Decatur Clearing House Association and will be accepted by member banks of said Association for **\$1⁰⁰/₁₀₀**

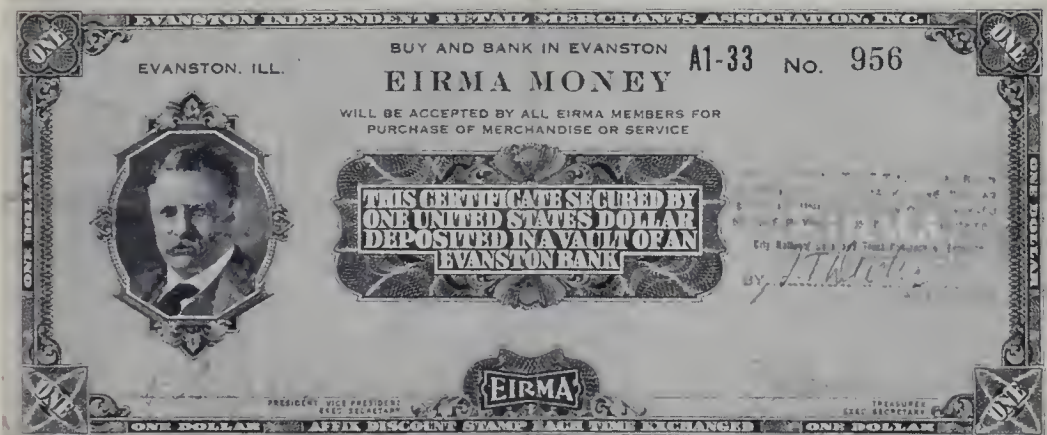
ONE AND ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

PAYABLE ONLY THROUGH DECATUR CLEARING HOUSE AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BANKS:
MILLIKIN NATIONAL BANK
NATIONAL BANK OF DECATUR
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

DECATUR CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION

BY *O. B. Gorm* PRESIDENT
COUNTERSIGNED BY *D. B. Hastings*

ILLINOIS No. 30



ILLINOIS No. 37

NO AD HERE TO AGIT-SEE WATERMART

25¢ 25¢

JOLIET CLEARING ASSOCIATION
E 15053

WILL PAY TO BEARER

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

*In accordance with
the terms set out in the Certificate printed on the back hereof*

PAYABLE ONLY THROUGH JOLIET CLEARING ASSOCIATION, JOLIET, ILLINOIS

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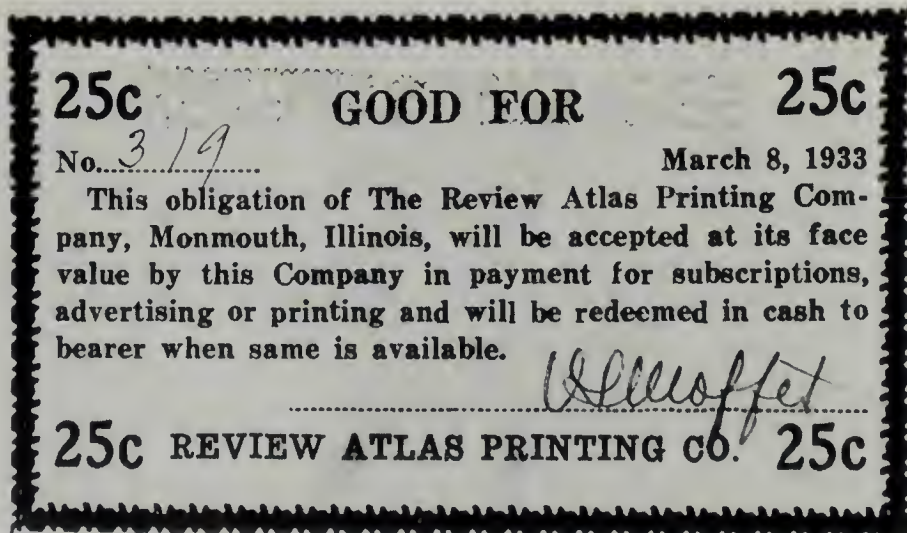
J. C. Adler
PRESIDENT

Donald A. Wallen
TREASURER

25¢ 25¢

GENUINE ONLY IF WATERMART, PHOTOD-GREENEAC

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World



Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World

San Diego Convention

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

Two records were established during the 27th CSNA convention, held Oct. 27-30 at the U.S. Grant Hotel, San Diego. First, the long-standing Long Beach paid attendance record of 307, recorded in 1957, was surpassed by an overwhelming 341 registrations, largest paid attendance of any state convention.

Next, the Pasadena record of 50 bourse dealers was topped by a total of 55 at San Diego (using 58 spaces). San Diego's 42 exhibitors, using 100 cases to display 44 exhibits, fell one short of the 45 exhibits at Vallejo in 1957.

When these records are considered in connection with the attendance at the banquet of 169, forum 72, club officers breakfast 31 and post-mortem luncheon 22, it must be concluded that the host club, San Diego Numismatic Society, can mark up its third CSNA convention as an exciting, outstanding and well-attended show.

Working behind the scenes to produce the successful, smooth-running and record-breaking show was a convention committee under general chairmanship of William Tragsdorf. Tragsdorf is well known as secretary of the San Diego Numismatic Society and San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council, past president of the Ryan Coin Club, and as author of articles in *Calcoin News* and *The Numismatist*. He was assisted ably by a committee of experienced veterans of local and state conventions, such as Francis S. Jones, exhibits; Paul Hamm, forum; Douglas Decker, bourse; and several former and present members of the CSNA official family. Widespread local interest in the convention was evident from the crowds of people visiting the show, many of whom were members of the nine local coin clubs.

Coin collectors arriving in San Diego for the convention were greeted by blue skies, warm fall days, a large and adequate convention facility and fine cooperation from the

hotel and staff. On opening day a caravan of several cars drove to Tijuana in old Mexico for dinner and an evening at the jai alai games.

FASHION SHOW FOR LADIES

At noon on Friday the ladies disappeared from the convention to attend the fashion show luncheon at the Catamaran Hotel, especially arranged for them by Anna Merle Panosh and her committee. Featured was the use of different accessories for ladies dress, rather than latest fashions, an innovation.

NUMISMATIC FORUM FRIDAY

Paul Hamm, president of the San Diego Numismatic Society and CSNA director, was first speaker at the Friday evening numismatic forum. His numismatic specialty, so-called dollars, was the subject of his talk and also of his prize-winning exhibit at the convention. He described the principal types of so-called dollars and told of their origins and backgrounds. "One of the authorities lists 271 so-called dollars, but there actually are more," he said. For the purpose of his talk he reduced the total to 34 types, which he proceeded to describe and show by use of slides.

Leonel C. Panosh spoke next on "Coins of the Grand Masters of the Order of Malta, Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem" during which he traced the development, struggle and coinage of this chivalric order of the middle ages. His account of the conflict with the Infidels to recover the Holy Land was illustrated by slides showing historic scenes, places and coins of the epic struggle.

The fine colored slides used in both of these talks were prepared by Dr. Ray Wilson of San Diego. Pursuant to a request from the audience, a set of these slides and the accompanying talks will be supplied to CSNA for the Curtis slide collection for club showing.

CLUB OFFICERS' BREAKFAST

Leonel C. Panosh, chairman of the club officers breakfast program, re-

viewed the problems, changes and progress of CSNA and associated coin clubs from CSNA's beginning 13 years ago to present. In the ensuing discussion past and present CSNA goals were actively discussed by those present.

SATURDAY BANQUET

Saturday evening 169 members and guests gathered in the Palm Room for the convention banquet and entertainment. After a roast beef dinner and welcome by William Tragsdorf, convention general chairman, and Paul Hamm, president of the San Diego Numismatic Society, Bryan O. Burke Jr., master of ceremonies, took over, followed by Herbert Bergen, CSNA president and then the presentation of awards by Norman Pruitt, awards chairman. A lively show by The O'Hagans, Linda Docker, Bob Karl and Alvino Rey, with music by the Kenny Gurtin Trio, climaxed the evening's entertainment.

NUMISMATIC EXHIBITS

Under direction of Francis Jones, one of the finest groups of exhibits to grace a CSNA convention was placed on display in the Crystal Room. Forty-two exhibitors filled 100 cases with a wide assortment of numismatic material, artistically arranged, with a wide use of colored backgrounds, motifs, and clever display features.

Eugene Cooper of San Diego won best-in-show medal with his "Coins of Bible Times," showing ancient Roman and Greek coins mentioned in Old and New Testaments, a splendid display with a map, an open Bible, photographs, color and a special display case.

CONVENTION BUSINESS

At the executive board and business meetings the following action was taken: Awarded the two 1961 convention auctions to the Rare Coin Department of the New China Club of Reno, Nev.; authorized the purchase of 90 more new display cases for Northern and Southern California; accepted invitations or initiated arrangements for conventions at Berkeley, Santa Monica, Sacramento, Long Beach, San Jose and Santa Barbara; ordered that a bound set of *Calcoin News* and future issues of

Calcoin News be delivered to the ANA library; accepted the gift of the Curtis coin slide collection and appointed Dan Harley and Bryan Burke custodians to organize the collection; authorized incorporation of CSNA; increased convention expense account of the editor of *Calcoin News* and the secretary of CSNA; appointed Dan Harley and Bryan Burke to survey the possibilities of a future Numismatic Center in Southern California to house collections, a library, etc.; authorized the president to appoint and consult with a committee for the purpose of endorsing candidates for ANA offices and conducted other routine association business.

ASKS AUCTION CONSIGNMENTS

Donald B. Thompson, manager, Rare Coin Dept., New China Club, 260 Lake St., Reno, Nev., asks consignments for the auction at the Oakland convention in April. Thompson will conduct the auctions both at the Oakland and the Santa Monica conventions. If you have coins for consignment to the auction, contact Thompson immediately.

DEALERS' BOURSE

The following dealers occupied bourse space in the Pavilion Room: R. R. Johnson, San Francisco; E. A. Parker, San Francisco; Charles V. Jones, Los Angeles; Kenneth W. Lee, Glendale; Chula Vista Coin Shop, Chula Vista; Montrose Coin Gallery, Montrose; Harold McCabe, Long Beach; Irwin A. Holcomb, Los Angeles; Coin and Currency Institute, La Habra; New China Club, Reno, Nev.; A. Kosoff, Inc., Encino; Norman Shultz, Salt Lake City, Utah; Lewis A. Moorman, Berkeley; Harold L. Hall, Lomita; Hollinbeck Kagin Coin Co., Des Moines, Iowa; Don Jurgensen, Santa Barbara; A. Christensen and E. Stone, Duarte; Diablo Coin Shop, Concord; Stacks, New York, N.Y.; Al Warren, Lake Tahoe; Richard De Mers, Garden Grove; Overton Coin Co., Pueblo, Colo.; Harry Lumbert, Sedro Wooley, Wash.; W. N. Cavens, Sedro Wooley, Wash.; L. and B. Coin Shop, Columbus, Ohio; R. Stokes, San Diego; Phillips and Sons, Azusa; George Wozniak, Sunland; A. C. Barlow, Glendale; L. A. Hensley, Montrose;

Hunter R. Hilton, Inglewood; L. Maidhof and J. Simmons, Santa Barbara; Numismatic Fine Arts, Berkeley; Peter B. Payne, San Bernardino; Midvale Coin, Livingston; K. and G. Numismatics, Costa Mesa; Gene L. Henry, Seattle, Wash.; Robert R. Odom, Los Angeles; Raymond Woodhouse, Santa Barbara; Ray W. Lietz, Santa Ana; Leo A. Young, Oakland; Abner Kreisberg, Beverly Hills; Del Bassetti, San Luis Obispo; Lee Williams, Long Beach; Dean A. Duffy, Long Beach; Beverly Hills Stamp and Coin, Beverly Hills; James D. Anderson, San Francisco; R. Brewer and D. Schall, Los Angeles; Clarence Turner, Fresno; Merle E. Crandall, Stateline; George R. Squires, Hayward; Nelson A. Lowe, Tacoma, Wash.; and Lew Walker, Sacramento.

AUCTION PRICES REALIZED

\$2.50 gold: 1796 no stars EF, \$2250; 1796 16 stars VF, \$1650; 1807 VF, \$450; 1808 EF, \$1600.

\$3 gold proofs: 1870, \$210; 1873, \$675; 1879, \$130; 1883, \$370.

Stella: 1879, flowing hair, \$2900.

\$5 gold: 1795 VF, \$375; 1800 VF, \$120; 1810 EF, \$120; 1813 AU, \$139.

\$10 gold: 1795 Unc., \$700; 1801 EF, \$210; 1838 AU, \$650.

\$20 gold: 1850 EF, \$135; 1907 Roman numerals AU, \$310.

So-Called Dollars: 1909 AYP, Kenney 70 Unc., \$30; 1915 PPIE K-97, \$10; K-98, \$20; K-100, \$30; 1939 gold, Charbneau's Coit Tower and Golden Gate (Not in Kenney), \$32.

Commemorative gold: 1903 \$1 (Jefferson) Unc. \$47.50; 1903 \$1 (McKinley) Unc. \$50; 1915 PPIE \$1 Unc., \$35; PPIE \$2.50, \$175; PPIE octagonal \$50 slug EF, \$1525; PPIE round \$50 slug EF, \$2750.

Cents: 1856 FE EF, \$600; 1909S VDB Unc., \$97; 1921S Unc., \$96.25; 1923S Unc., \$120; 1955 doubled die AU, \$66; Unc., \$92.50.

Miscellaneous: Norse - American medal thin, \$35; thick, \$9; Isabella quarter, Unc., \$39.50; Lafayette dollar Unc., \$48; 1876CC 20-cent piece Unc., \$5500; 1916 Liberty standing quarter AU, \$240; Unc. \$330; 1916D Mercury dime AU, \$225; 50-cent commemorative half dollar, Hawaii, \$172.50; 1936 proof set, \$325.

—————CSNA—————

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That there are 189 "reeds" on the edge of a U. S. dollar, 150 on a half dollar, 119 on a quarter and 111 on a dime?

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That the Lincoln cent, still in use since its introduction in 1909, the centennial of Lincoln's birth, is the first U. S. coin of regular issue to bear a recognized portrait?

Exhibits and Awards

By FRANCIS S. JONES

ANDERSEN, A. F., La Mesa: U. S. colonial coins. **Third Award, United States.** Coins of Denmark.

ASTRONAUTICS COINEERS, San Diego: U. S. coins.

BROSCH, Robert J., National City: 800th anniversary medals of Munich, Germany; U. S. medals. **Second Award, Medals.**

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION: "Medal Scrapbook," showing all those members who have received medals from the Association.

CARR, Ronnie, Tulare: "The Midas Touch." United States gold coins.

CASE, Mrs. Thelma, Santa Monica: Trade dollars of the world.

COLVER, Charles G., Glendora: "Elephants on Coins." **First Award, Specialized.**

CONVAIR COIN CLUB, San Diego: U. S. coins.

COOPER, Eugene, San Diego: "Coins of Bible Times." Ancient Greek and Roman coins mentioned in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. **First Award, Ancient; BEST-IN-SHOW.**

EDGERTON, Stuart T. Jr., San Diego: "Eisenhower Medal." Special silver medal issued to commemorate trip on USS Gurke by President Eisenhower. **Third Award, Medals.**

- EDGERTON, Stuart and FEAN, Catherine**, San Diego: Modern Japanese coins.
- ESTELL, Deborah**, San Diego: "Micro-Coins of the World." **First Award, Junior.**
- ESTELL, Robert Gee**, San Diego: "The Wonderful World of Money." **Second Award, Foreign. World Currency. Second Award, Foreign Paper.**
- GJUROVICH, Rudy**, San Jose: U. S. Currency, Fractional and Continental Currency. **Second Award, U. S. Paper.**
- HAMM, Paul**, San Diego: "So-Called Dollars." **First Award, Medals.**
- HARLEY, Dan**, Pomona: U. S. Standing Liberty quarters. **Second Award, United States.**
- HELM, Frank M.**, Modesto: Panama-Pacific commemorative gold and silver set.
- HILL, Roy**, San Francisco: "In a Mint," U. S. mint history. **Third Award, Specialized.**
- JOHNSON, Charles M.**, Long Beach: Numismatic literature, with many rare and old books and magazines.
- KAGIN, Paul**, Des Moines, Iowa: Kagin Reference Collection. **Non-competitive.**
- KNICKERBOCKER, Irving B.**, San Diego: U. S. gold coins, proof three cents in silver and nickel; and all 27 convention ribbons as issued by the CSNA. **Non-competitive.**
- LIETZ, Ray**, Santa Ana: Odd and Curious. **Non-competitive.**
- LISS, Cliff L.**, San Francisco: "Historic Coins of 1849-1879." **First Award, United States.**
- MAGUIRE, G. D.**, Long Beach: "Numismatic Treasure Chest." U. S. gold coins.
- MCCARTHY, Ray**, Portland, Ore.: "Lincoln Cents."
- MCDANIEL, Thomas R.**, La Mesa: German transportation tokens. **Third Award, Odd and Curious.**
- MCDERMOTT, J. V.**, South Milwaukee, Wis.: 1913 Liberty head nickel. **Non-competitive.**
- MEYER, Ernest A.**, San Francisco: Foreign gold coins — 20th Century. **Third Award, Foreign.**
- MYERS, LeRoy**, Pomona: U. S. currency. **First Award, Paper Money.**
- NICKEL, Albert H.**, Brawley: Modern foreign coins.
- NISH, Walter**, San Diego: Normal and Shrunken U. S. half dollar. **Second Award, Odd and Curious.**
- NOVACK, Sylvia**, San Bernardino: U. S. commemorative gold and silver. **Second Award, Specialized.**
- PANOSH, Anna Merle**, San Diego: Orders and Decorations. **First Award, Orders and Decorations.**
- RULAU, Russell**, San Diego: Crowns of China.
- SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**, San Diego: U. S. coins.
- SEARS, John D.**, San Francisco: "Around the World with 50 Crowns." **First Award, Foreign.**
- STARR, Don E.**, Pomona: "Coins of Ceylon." **Second Award, Junior.**
- STRAUCH, Milton C.**, Daly City: Gold Coins of the Netherlands. **Foreign.**
- WANGENHEIM, Julius**, Collection, San Diego: More than 100 ancient Greek, Roman and Medieval European coins in gold, silver and bronze. **Non-competitive.**
- WARD, Tom**, Fallbrook: Ancient Roman Republic silver. **Second Award, Ancient.**
- WITT, E. K.**, Medford, Ore., U. S. half dollars, 1794-1960.
- U. S. SECRET SERVICE**: Display of counterfeit and authentic U. S. currency. **Non-competitive.**

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AWARDS COMMITTEE: Norman F. Pruitt, chairman, R. G. McArthur and John Yribarne. **EXHIBITS CHAIRMAN**: Francis S. Jones.

Berkeley-Oakland Convention

The 28th semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association will be held at the beautiful Hotel Claremont in Berkeley, April 13-16. Host clubs will be East Bay Coin Club and Hayward Area Coin Club. The Hotel Claremont, set in its beautiful park-like gardens, has all of the necessary facilities for a successful convention. Committees are hard at work laying the necessary groundwork.

As 1961 marks the beginning of the Civil War Centennial, we will have this as our theme. Here is a wonderful opportunity to display your Confederate currency, bonds, coins and related material; also, U.S. encased postage, fractional currency, early bank notes and related items. Displays in all categories are most welcome, of course. Cash value of material in displays has no bearing on its prize-winning abilities.

Bourse space is limited and going fast, so get your reservation in now.

Earl A. Parker, 1254 Market St., San Francisco 2, Calif., has been appointed bourse chairman, due to the untimely death of Lew Moorman. It would be appreciated if those dealers who already have reserved space would reconfirm with Earl.

—CSNA—

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Gold is the only true international money, because currencies of most countries are not accepted freely outside their own borders. When a country buys more from another country than it sells to it, the difference is paid in gold.

SAN DIEGO CONVENTION

Cutlines

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1. Winn Osborne, CSNA secretary, Dolly Ann Ohls and Pat Rose at registration desk. 2. Charles V. Kappen, Calcoin News editor, Erich Werling, historian-curator, and Stewart Bingham, librarian. 3. Dan Harley, treasurer, and Winn Osborne, secretary. 4. Clifford L. Liss, vice president, and Herbert M. Bergen, president. 5. Norman Pruitt, Charles M. Johnson and Karl Brainard, directors. 6. Bryan O. Burke Jr., banquet master of ceremonies, William B. Tragsdorf, convention general chairman, and Paul H. Hamm, CSNA director and San Diego Numismatic Society president. 7. Eugene P. Cooper is awarded best-in-show medal for his exhibit, "Coins of Bible Times." 8. Sylvia Novack and her exhibit of commemorative coins. 9. Herbert M. Bergen, CSNA president. 10. Norman F. Pruitt, exhibit awards chairman. 11. Paul H. Hamm and Leonel C. Panosh, forum speakers. 12. Eugene P. Cooper is awarded plaque for first place in ancients category. 13. Irving and Mattie Knickerbocker and Leonel C. Panosh receive ribbons for having attended all 27 state conventions. 14. Roy Hill, the fourth member who has attended all conventions. 15. William H. and Ova Smith, auctioneers, at banquet. 16. Eugene P. Cooper's best-in-show exhibit, "Coins of Bible Times." 17. William B. Tragsdorf, Paul H. Hamm and Francis S. Jones, committee workers of the host club. 18. Anna Merle Panosh is awarded first place for orders and decorations. 19. LeRoy E. Myers, first-place winner in the U.S. paper money division. 20. Lewis A. Moorman of Berkeley, who assisted entertainers at the banquet by singing through Bob Karl's lips. 21. Otto Bergen and Bernice Curtis. 22. San Diego California-Pacific Exposition commemorative half dollar. 23. Bourse scene. 24. John D. Sears, winner of first place in the modern foreign classification. 25. Charles G. Colver, winner of first place for specialized collections. 26. Robert G. McArthur, past CSNA president, now member of the ANA board of directors. 27. Dolly Ann Ohls presents Rudy Gjurovich with the John E. Ohls Memorial Award plaque. 28. Norman Shultz, Salt Lake City dealer, at bourse. Norm has been in the coin business longer than has any living dealer in the United States. 29. Bourse scene.

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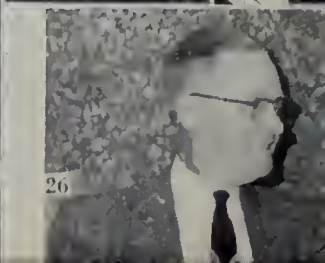


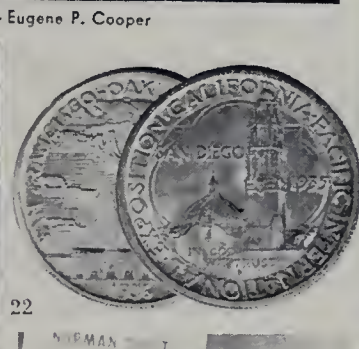
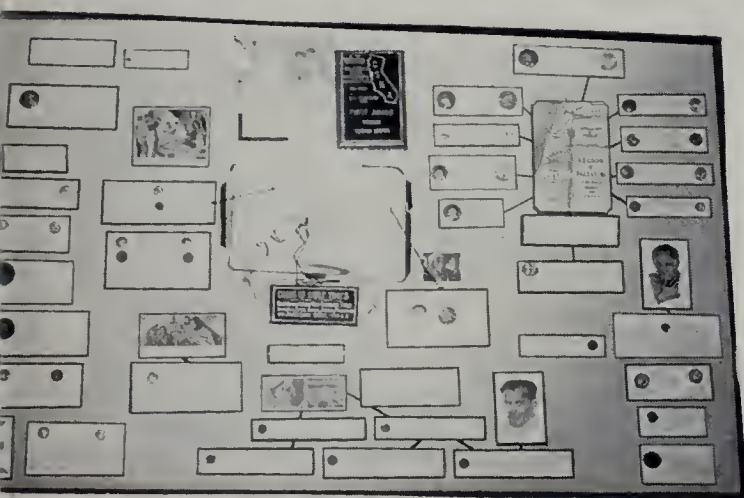
Convention Scenes At San Diego

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— Eugene P. Cooper

RUSSIA'S 'HEAVY' RUBLE

A new "heavy" ruble, worth .98 grams of gold, became the official currency unit of the Russians Jan. 1, 1961. This would seem to make the ruble worth \$1.11 in American money as against the 24.8 cents official rate, 10 cents tourist rate, and 3 to 4 cents black-market rate before that date.

Actually, the Russians are exchanging one "heavy" ruble for 10 old rubles and cutting domestic prices to one-tenth of what they were formerly. The old ruble was worth .22 grams of gold. One-tenth of the new "heavy" ruble will buy less than half that amount, or .098 grams.

FAITHFUL FIVE NOW FOUR

William Sexton, hospitalized with diabetes and foot trouble, was unable to attend the San Diego convention, the first of the 27 he has missed. It was a hard blow to Bill and his many friends. He wanted to come in a wheel chair, but the doctor said, "No."

Now, Mattie and Irving Knickerbocker, Leonel Panosh and Roy Hill remain as the only CSNA members who have attended all CSNA conventions.

HISTORIAN'S NOTES

The last two state conventions, at Stockton under general chairmanship of Norman Pruitt and at San Diego under William Tragsdorf, were huge successes. I wish to thank sincerely the assistant historians, Carl H. Klafke, Stockton, and Joseph Garside, San Diego, for their fine work.

The CSNA has established a Californiana Collection, items of which pertain to California. Bryan O. Burke Jr. of San Bernardino has volunteered to take charge of it. Either he or I will be glad to receive any California items as donations. We already have received donations from four members:

Erich Werling: Bay Bridge half dollar, tokens, and 1947-S mint set.

Dorothy Beaulieu: Tokens.

Leonel C. Panosh: Tokens.

Earl A. Parker: Tokens.

Thanks to the following members for contributing back issues of **Cal-coin News**: Dr. Nathan Bowers, Roy Hill, Clifford Liss and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Knickerbocker. The Knickerbockers also donated a complete set of convention ribbons. The historian still is in need of past issues of **Cal-coin News**, convention programs, ribbons, and newspaper clippings of convention activities.

—ERICH WERLING.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, SAN DIEGO CONVENTION

INCOME:

From Bourse (58 spaces at \$37.50).....	\$2,175.00
From Registration Desk.....	1,637.75
341 Registrations	
16 New members	
14 Old dues collected	
169 Banquet tickets	
31 Breakfast tickets	
Less: Paid out \$8.01	
Total Income	<u>\$3,812.75</u>

EXPENSES:

Shucart Stationery.....	\$ 16.77
Ireland Direct Mail.....	8.09
Plaques	6.00
Bourse expense.....	27.98
Editor's expense.....	100.00
Secretary's expense.....	100.00
Entertainment	566.00
Cash paid out (miscellaneous)	42.50

Ribbons	64.89
Gen Patrol	242.00
U. S. Grant Hotel	909.49
Heath Printing Co.	131.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,215.07

ADDED INCOME

Left over from San Diego Numismatic Society convention fund and remitted to CSNA.....	60.55
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AMOUNT ADDED TO TREASURY.....\$1,658.23

NOTE: The above figures do not reflect the expenses of \$621.36 incurred and paid by the San Diego Numismatic Society.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES TO NOV. 19, 1960

Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1960.....\$5,031.88

Receipts:

Dues and new members.....	\$ 122.00	
San Diego Convention revenue.....	1,658.23	
1961 Auction fee.....	500.00	
	\$2,280.23	2,280.23
		\$7,312.11

Disbursements:

Coast Engraving Co.....	\$ 35.04	
Globe Printing Co.	407.00	
Monarch Gold Leaf Printing Co.....	13.00	
Editor's Expense (Calcoin).....	12.50	
Phone calls and postage.....	17.65	
Flowers	10.40	
Shucart Stationery Co.	80.07	
Ireland Direct Mail.....	90.04	
Photos for Calcoin.....	3.08	
Pomona Bindery (Calcoin).....	7.11	
Fuller Glass Co. (for coin cases).....	113.90	
	\$ 789.79	789.79

Cash on hand Nov. 19, 1960.....\$6,522.32

DAN HARLEY,
Treasurer.

From the Desk of the Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

1049	ANDERSEN, A. F.....	6901 Central, Lemon Grove, Calif.
1044	BAKER, Del.....	4552 Fran Way, Richmond, Calif.
1047	BASSO, Aldo P.....	6 W. 25th Ave., San Mateo, Calif.
1060	BENGE, Donald.....	1333 N. Hobart, Los Angeles 27, Calif.
1050	CARR, Ronnie.....	535 Geary, Apt. 514, San Francisco, Calif.
1056	DICKERSON, William T.....	3547 College Ave., San Diego 15, Calif.
1058	EDGERTON, Cmdr. Stuart T., Jr., USN.....	USS Prairie, FPO San Francisco, Calif.
1062	EVANS, Ray.....	2404½ Redondo Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach, Calif.

1059	FEAN, Catharine.....	3431 Carleton, San Diego 6, Calif.
1052	FELIX, Ervin J.....	220 S. Stanford St., La Habra, Calif.
1063	FORD, Art E.....	18315 Mansel Ave., Redondo Beach, Calif.
1061	HULING, John E.....	1227 N. Everett St., Glendale 7, Calif.
1048	JENKINS, Orville E.....	P. O. Box 659, National City, Calif.
1045	JOHNSON, D. Wayne.....	119 East Court, Sidney, Ohio
1046	KRAMER, Paul.....	5173 Elmwood Ave., Newark, Calif.
1043	KRAUSE, Chester L.....	Iola, Wis.
1055	MAIDHOF, L. J.....	18 W. Figueroa, Santa Barbara, Calif.
1042	MENZIE, Robert E.....	1047 A-19th St., Santa Monica, Calif.
1054	ROSE, Harvey L.....	4233 69th, La Mesa, Calif.
1053	SANTOS, John A.....	P. O. Box 123, Livingston, Calif.
1051	WARREN, Al.....	P. O. Box 821, Bijou, Calif.
1057	WOODHOUSE, Raymond.....	219 W. Canon Perdido, Santa Barbara, Calif.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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942	GIMELSON, Bernard.....	37 S. 18th St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.
78	LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB	
	c/o Mrs. L. R. Simon.....	16309 Halsey St., Granada Hills, Calif.
767	MEYER, Ernest A.....	P. O. Box 1174, San Francisco 1, Calif.
577	SPENCE, William H.....	612 E. Queen St., Inglewood, Calif.
705	STONES, William H.....	c/o Elevadores Otis, Caixa Postal 2426, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
211	WALRATH, Louis G.....	2040 Vista Grande Dr., Vista, Calif.
1028	WISSLEAD, William O.....	2053 Cypress, Santa Ana, Calif.

RESIGNATIONS

811	OCEANSIDE-CARLSBAD COIN CLUB, 1103 Oak Ave., Carlsbad, Calif.
873	GOTT, Bradford.....9167 Connie Ave., Stockton, Calif.
880	SANCHEZ, Ernest.....222 Columbus Ave., San Francisco 11, Calif.

DECEASED

969	McCAY, Albert S.....	852 Branciforte Dr., Santa Cruz, Calif.
795	MOORMAN, Lewis A.....	1999 Ashby Ave., Berkeley 3, Calif.
685	NICHOLS, Gene N.....	320 Bowling Green Dr., Costa Mesa, Calif.
586	STOLPER, Howard L.....	903 N. Mariposa St., Burbank, Calif.
790	WARDLOW, Anna F.....	1465 Louisiana St., Vallejo, Calif.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, Fall 1960.....	601
New Members.....	22
Resignations	3
Membership Nov. 16, 1960.....	617
Deceased	5
Dropped, Non-Payment of 1960 Dues.....	61
Net Membership, Nov. 17, 1960.....	554

NOTE: Please use envelope provided by the secretary in paying your dues. Give dues payment your immediate attention upon receipt of envelope mailed you. This proper procedure will eliminate any errors which might result from your paying your dues to other members for submission, or handing the \$3 to secretary or other official at conventions, local club meetings, etc.

WINN OSBORNE,
Secretary

South of the Tehachapis

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

NASC WINTER CONVENTION

Southern California numismatists and coin clubs are looking forward to the Numismatic Association of Southern California's sixth annual winter convention March 3-5 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles.

This year additional space will be provided and NASC now will occupy the same space used for the Los Angeles ANA convention in 1958. Estimates indicate that this enlarged space will be taxed to capacity.

NASC has acquired 100 additional display cases for a total of 225 in order to provide for all exhibitors. **Paul Newell**, West Valley Coin Club president, 18004 Duncan St., Reseda, will be exhibits chairman; **Karl M. Brainard**, 3856 McLaughlin Ave., Los Angeles, bourse chairman.

IDLER DOLLAR IN AUCTION

This year the two-section auction will be conducted by **A. Kosoff**, who is cataloguing the Hydeman collection. The sale will include several rarities, among them the Idler specimen 1804 dollar, 1876CC 20-cent piece and 1894S dime.

19,570 reportedly minted in 1804. There are 12 or 13 1804 dollars known, of which the Idler specimen is one of the first and finest examples. It has been in such famous collections as the Hazeltine, Granberg, Atwater, Neil and most recently, the Hydeman. Prices ranging as high as \$10,000 reportedly have been paid for specimens of the coin.

THREE FALL COINORAMAS

West Valley Coin Club, Santa Barbara Coin Club and the San Diego Inter-Club Numismatic Council each sponsored coinoramas this fall in their respective localities. Santa Barbara and San Diego scheduled theirs for the same day, but both shows were successful.

The Santa Barbara club reported that many new members joined as a result of the coinorama, held in connection with the annual Spanish Days Fiesta celebration. Seventeen dealers occupied bourse space, and 550 registered, with an over-all attendance of 700. First exhibit awards at Santa Barbara were won by: **John Todd**,



1804 DOLLAR, IDLER SPECIMEN, TO BE SOLD AT NASC CONVENTION

Known as "King of American Coins," the 1804 dollar is one of the most popular and sought after pieces. Much mystery and speculation surrounds the striking and issue of the dollar, and what happened to the

U. S. minor; **Edith Davis**, U. S. gold; **Harry Kaplun**, U. S. currency; **Gwen Sentis**, foreign; **Erma Jurgensen**, ancients and **Church Douglas**, miscellaneous.

West Valley Coin Club reported in

excess of 3000 people at its Sunday Coinorama. A profit of \$292.86 was made. Displays were outstanding and were enhanced by exhibits made by the Civil War Roundtable Club, which participated in the Coinorama and contributed to the theme, "Civil War Centennial." Two wooden nickels were issued by the West Valley club to commemorate the occasion. Best-in-show exhibit award was won by **Katherine Newell**, with a display of coins used during the term of each U. S. president, accompanied by presidential signatures and other mementos.

Highlight of the San Diego Coinorama was the roomful of outstanding exhibits. Twenty-two exhibitors filled 43 cases with topnotch displays. Best-in-show medal was won by **LeRoy Myers** of Pomona for a U. S. currency exhibit. In the junior division, best-in-show award was won by the **Mount Miguel High School Numismatic Club**. Other first awards were: **Eugene Cooper**, ancients; **Vince Bacon**, United States; **LeRoy Myers**, U. S. currency; **R. G. Estell**, foreign currency; **Vince Bacon**, medals; **Anna Merle Panosh**, orders and decorations; **Roy Hill**, unclassified; **Deborah Estell**, junior division.

San Diego reported a registration of 359 and an estimated attendance of more than 1000. There were 14 bourse dealers.

North American Aviation Stamp and Coin Club held its annual Christmas party Dec. 18, with seasonal music, exhibits, bourse, auction and entertainment. Visitors from other coin clubs were present at the party, held at the North American Aviation Recreation Center, 5353 West Imperial Highway (near Los Angeles International Airport).

'MEXICO THROUGH COINS'

Dan Harley, president of the Orange County Coin Club, spoke at the August meeting on "History of Mexico Through Coins," and displayed his collection of Mexican coins, ranging from earliest to latest coinage. One of the highlights of his talk and display was the effect of devaluation on the comparative size and weight of coins following the Madera Revolution in 1916. No less than five mem-

bers from the audience later asked the speaker if his collection was for sale, showing the growing interest in the coinage of our neighbor to the south.

At the September meeting, **Edward Green** discussed "Coins and History" and briefly traced the history of coinage from ancient to modern times, showing how coins supply historical information, such as authentic portraits of long-forgotten monarchs of the past.

The Los Angeles Coin Club, world's largest coin club, with attendance running more than 300, is continuing to enjoy many outstanding exhibits at its monthly meetings, due in a large measure to the effort of exhibit chairman **John Paradowski**. In September, **Joseph F. McGee**, president of the Pico-Rivera Coin Club, displayed his collection of Regimental Crests, comprising the insignia of famous U. S. military organizations. In October, **William Koonce** showed a fine exhibit of coins of the orient.

Glendale Coin Club, which was organized March 6, 1958, in its third year has 117 members. Meetings now are held on the third Monday evening of each month at the Banquet Room of the Tuesday Afternoon Club, corner of Lexington and Central Ave., Glendale. Officers are: **Thomas Wood**, president; **Herb Runner**, vice president; **R. Wilkerson**, secretary; **Irma Brown**, treasurer and **Estelle Power**, recording secretary.

Meetings of the Garden Grove Coin Club now are held on the fourth Thursday evening of each month at Grange Hall, corner of Century Blvd. and Taft in Garden Grove.

GRIMM ON 'HORSE CENTS'

The October meeting of the Long Beach Coin Club featured a talk by **Clyde Grimm** on "Horse Cents," being an account of New Jersey cents from the sale of New Jersey Colony by the Duke of York, brother of Charles II, to John Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret in 1664 for 10 shillings; introduction of the St. Patrick coppers in 1681 and establishment of the first American bank by Mark Newby; legislation concern-

ing the circulation within New Jersey of the Massachusetts silver pieces of 1653, the state coinage of 1786-87-88 and its minters, their equipment, locations of the mints and some of the peculiarities of the pieces. Talk was illustrated by an exhibit of most of the New Jersey pieces listed in the Red Book.

In November, **Ida Mae Griffin**, former Long Beach club president, discussed "Can You Display Your Coins?" and reviewed the material, display rules and some of the considerations involved in numismatic exhibits.

MOJAVE DESERT FIND

Dan Harley is arousing considerable interest and speculation in numismatic gatherings in Southern California with a small teakwood chest containing trays of Chinese coins. This chest and contents recently were found by a friend in the litter of an old abandoned shack on the desert near Lancaster and given to Harley. The trays in the chest were cut out to provide recesses for the coins. When found, the chest and contents were scattered about the abandoned shack, but all the coins were recovered except one. The coins represent a type collection of the principal dynasties of China from B. C. to modern times and contain specimens of spade, hoe, cash and other Chinese money. They are well preserved. The mystery of this chest and its coins, lying idle in the debris of the abandoned shack, has everyone speculating.

DISNEYLAND IN 1964

Orange County Coin Club, California's fourth oldest coin club, already has accumulated more than \$300 in a special fund for the celebration of its 25th anniversary in 1964 with a big California State Numismatic Association convention at Disneyland. A new gimmick is being used to add to the fund by asking club members to place coins in the club auction at original cost, and give the club the difference between auction price and original cost; in many cases, a tidy sum.

Bay Cities' September program featured a panel-type quiz, "What's My Coin?" Members found it extremely

difficult to stump the panel, since the program was limited to U. S. coins.

Members and guests of the San Diego Numismatic Society were invited aboard the USS Gurke, a San Diego-based destroyer, in October by Commander **Stuart T. Edgerton Jr.**, a member of the club. After making a tour of the ship, 46 members of the club and their families were treated to an all-day cruise and dinner on board. All reported a wonderful time at sea.

SOUTHERN HUB 'NUMIS'

Southern Hub Coin Club's bulletin, "The Numis," under editorship of **John Parrish**, now has completed its first year as a monthly club publication and a fine, newsy account of the many club activities.

TWO NEW COIN STORES

Joseph Patti, a member of the West Valley Coin Club, has opened a coin store at 15332 Sherman Way, Van Nuys. Bill Tuttle, a member of the San Diego Numismatic Society, has opened a coin store, "Superior Coin Shop," at 4341 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego.

John C. Yribarne spoke on Indian head cents at the Nov. 21 meeting of the Glendale Coin Club, and exhibited his complete collection of proof and uncirculated Indians.

Other exhibits were coins of Latin America, 8-reales of Mexico and Central America, decorations, including the Order of Isabella—two grades with the sash (by Bill Koonce), and complete sets of Jefferson and Buffalo nickels (by V. F. Slover).

SOUTHERN CLUB SPEAKERS

Richard Goodson, West Valley Coin Club, August, "Art of Cleaning Coins."

Paul Newell, West Valley Coin Club, October, "Organization and the NASC."

Jay Sheldon, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, July, "Mint Errors."

Peter Payne, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, September.

Dan Sheets, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, October, "Boy Scouts and Numismatics."

Slim Dunbar, Bay Cities Coin Club, September, "Monroe Doctrine Centennial Commemorative Half Dollar."

Pauline Ney, Glendale Coin Club, October, "So-Called Dollars, Souvenir Coins, Tokens and Medals," accompanied by a display from her collection.

Dan Harley, Pomona Valley Coin Club, November.

Don Jurgensen, Santa Barbara Coin Club, September, "Visiting the ANA Convention, Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of Engraving and Philadelphia Mint."

Richard Goodson, Los Angeles Coin Club, September, "Care and Cleaning of Coins."

Ralph Mitchell, Orange County Coin Club, October, "So-Called Dollars."

Herb Feinberg, San Bernardino County Coin Club, August, "Report on Numismatics on East Coast."

Dan Harley, San Bernardino County Coin Club, October, "Coins of Mexico," accompanied by display.

George Justus, Long Beach Coin Club, September, "Patterns, Gold and Price Trends."

Lee De Meers, All-American Coin Club, November.

Bill Fanning, Bay Cities Coin Club, October, "Patterns."

Richard Goodson, Lakewood Coin Club, September, "Care and Cleaning of Coins."

Henry Cutting and Lew Zumwalt, Lakewood Coin Club, October, "Medals" and "Foreign Coins."

Herbert Bergen, Pomona Valley Coin Club, September, Club Birthday Dinner.

Bob Paul, Santa Barbara Coin Club, August, "Switch from Gun to Coin Collecting."

Dr. Verner Rich, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, August, "Early Oriental Coinage."

OTHER CLUB PROGRAMS

Los Angeles Coin Club's annual auction of gold, proofs and uncirculated coins was held in October.

Orange County Coin Club showed the ANA visual education slide set, September, "Currency of the Confederate States." Herbert Bergen, narrator.

San Bernardino County Coin Club, ANA visual education slide set, "Coins of Special Significance."

San Bernardino County Coin Club, ANA visual education slide set, October, "Women on Coins." (Also theme for annual ladies night.)

Santa Barbara Coin Club, November, "Lincoln Cents," including colored slides by Don Jurgensen, displays and discussion of grading.

Culver City Coin Club, September, "Nickel Nite"; October, "Quarter Nite"; with short talks and displays by members.

Garden Grove Coin Club, August and September, "Films of the California and Yukon Gold Rush."

Bay Cities Coin Club, November and December, annual family night and banquet meeting at Ted's Grill.

Santa Barbara Coin Club, November, ANA slide set, "U. S. Types from Quarter to Dollar."

North American Numismatic Society, August, ANA slide set, "Commemorative Coins and Medals," which also was meeting theme.

NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

Guy De Wolf, who operates a coin and stamp store in Oceanside, is publishing monthly a bulletin about coins, collectors and events in the Oceanside-Carlsbad area. . . . Karl Brainard, CSNA director, attended the first annual convention of the Texas Numismatic Association at Fort Worth and reported a fine show, with ANA president Admiral Dodson addressing the convention and 75 dealers occupying bourse space. He reported that a 1943 copper cent sold for \$700 at the convention auction. Brainard also attended the Kansas Numismatic Society convention at Hutchinson. . . . Santa Barbara Coin Club made \$151 on its annual Coinorama, even though profit was not a motive. . . . Sam Koeppel, Los Angeles coin dealer, returned from a summer trip to Europe, where he purchased a number of items for stock. . . . Santa Barbara Coin Club has initiated a monthly club newsletter to be sent to all members. A contest is being conducted to find a name for the letter. . . . Santa Barbara club meets on the third Monday evening of each month at the Carrillo Hotel, Garden Room. . . . People are still talking about Ralph (Curly) Mitchell selling \$789 worth of Lincoln cents, 1909 to date, for \$24,000, which almost paid for his new Southern California home.

North of the Tehachapis

By DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU

A resolution was passed at the July meeting of the Central California Coin Club, Monterey, protesting to club members' congressman and the director of the mint about distribution of 1960 proof sets, which had resulted in disappointment to many small collectors. At the September meeting a reply from the mint director was read in which he expressed disapproval of the club's stand on proof sets. The club had suggested that a limit of 20 sets per order be imposed, but the director felt that this would cause more collectors to order for speculative purposes.

Current officers are **Donald J. Crosby**, president; **Fred H. Houston**, vice president; **G. G. (Jerry) Davis**, treasurer, and **Warren S. Clauch**, secretary.

In response to a request from the Bank of America, several members offered to lend exhibits for use at the bank's grand opening.

Gilbert D. Eaton was honored at the August meeting of East Bay Coin Club, marking his retirement and move to New Hampshire. A "This is Your Life" review, given by **Robert G. McArthur**, covered 48 years of activities and honors in boys club work. Eaton was presented with a plaque signaling distinguished service to East Bay Coin Club and numismatics in general.

Waddell F. Smith, president of the Pony Express Centennial Association, spoke at the October meeting on the historical significance of the Pony Express. He also discussed his display of commemorative pieces.

The eighth annual Coinival, held Oct. 16 at Oakland Boys Club, drew more than 350 persons. Seventeen bourse tables reported good activity.

Rudy Gjurovich won best-in-show with an exhibit of paper money and coin sets plus a first in United States. **Michael K. Carr** and **R. J. Frost** placed second, third, in United States. Other winners were: Foreign—**Sidney J. Haas**, first, **Stephen Album**, second, **John D. Sears**, third; General—**Roy Hill**, first, **R. J. Frost**, second. In the Junior section, **Cheryl Gunderson** won first. **Erich Werling**, **Walter E. Holm** and **F. J. Monteagle** were judges.

GOLD COIN AMENDMENT

The September issue of the *Harford Coin Collector*, continuing a series of articles on gold coins, reports the following amendment:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, (12 U.S.C. 248n) and the authority vested in me by the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, as amended, (31 U.S.C. 440-446) I hereby amend the Order of the Secretary of the Treasury of December 28, 1933 by amending Paragraph B of Section 1 thereof to read as follows:

"B. Gold coin having a recognized special value to collectors of rare and unusual coin, including all gold coin made prior to April 5, 1933."

(Signed) **George M. Humphrey**
Secretary of the Treasury

The above amendment to Treasury Department regulations rules that all gold pieces prior to 1933 are considered to be of numismatic value. Shortly after this amendment was issued the various federal reserve banks issued a circular to district members telling banks to advise customers who had gold coins to sell them on the numismatic market rather than turn them in to banks at face value.

According to **Ernest A. Kehr** of the *New York Tribune*, this change in regulations came about from a visit by President Eisenhower to the Denver Mint that year. **Mrs. Alma K. Schneider**, superintendent of the Denver Mint, pointed out to the President that under then existing regulations she had been forced to melt a \$20 piece which had a numismatic market price of \$250. **Mrs. Schneider** told the President that to melt valuable and historic items was like compelling libraries to surrender Gutenberg Bibles to a waste paper drive.

Ninety-five members and guests attended the September meeting of Hayward Area Coin Club. The ANA slide set, "Private Gold Coins," was presented, with **Dutch Raeuber** operating the projector and **George Squires** giving the commentary.

Films of the June Coin Fair were

shown at the second regular meeting in September.

Hayward Area Coin Club, by agreement of the board of governors, concurs that U. S. proof coins in the mint cellophane wrapper are considered "mint sealed" and should be so accepted by all numismatists.

ANA slide set No. 5, "Miscellaneous Commemorative Coins and Medals," was shown at the October meeting.

'COINS OF BIBLE DAYS'

Vallejo Numismatic Society is again meeting at the Casa de Vallejo Hotel, first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.

Prof. Charles V. Kappen of San Jose was speaker at the Dec. 7 meeting; his subject, "Coins of Bible Days." In November, **Mr. Whitworth** of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank spoke on purposes and functions of the federal reserve system and the operation of its banks. **George V. Morris** of the American Smelting and Refining Co., Selby, Calif., spoke at the October meeting on "Smelting and Refining of Precious Metals."

Harold Conner spoke on "Indian Head Cents" at the September meeting.

The club now has 55 active members and a regular attendance of approximately 45 members and guests.

Jimmy and Vivian Peavey have opened the Vallejo Coin Shop at 2609 Sonoma Blvd. They were dealers in Richmond before moving to Vallejo.

Five members placed exhibits in the Vallejo Recreation Hobby Show held Sept. 23-25: **J. R. King**, gold coins and gold coins made into jewelry; **Walter Gerth**, odd and curious; **Bill Cummings**, commemorative coins; **Jack Gray**, large cents and half cents and **Earl Hanson**, Indian head cents.

The *Numismatist* is being placed each month in the Vallejo Public Library.

Californiana, "The Days of Old, The Days of Gold, The Days of '49" was exhibit theme for the September meeting of Peninsula Coin Club.

Prof. Charles V. Kappen spoke on "Types of United States Quarters" at the October meeting. Each member displayed the oldest coin in his collection. Coins of Latin America were shown and discussed at the November meeting.

Discoverer Coin Club featured a numismatic spelldown at its September

meeting. **Don Hammond** was winner with **Edward Sins** and **John Parham** runnersup. Ribbons were awarded for the best foreign and colonial displays.

Another recent meeting brought forth a multitude of opinions during a coin grading contest.

The club has adopted a policy of awarding proof sets to members attending five consecutive meetings.

Santa Cruz and Pajaro Valley Coin Clubs held their first annual banquet at Garbini's Restaurant in Santa Cruz, Oct. 18, with members of Salinas Coin Club as special guests. Highlight of the affair was **Prof. Charles V. Kappen's** talk on "Early United States Quarter Dollars," followed by a 100-lot auction. **Col. Oliver Combs**, president of Santa Cruz Coin Club, was presiding officer. The coin exhibit was furnished by **Rudy Gjurovich**.

President William R. Weber spoke on "Hard Times Tokens" at the September meeting of the San Jose Coin Club.

"Other Hobbies Night" in October provided a special kind of entertainment. **John Cobb**, who collects duck stamps and guns, gave a quick-draw exhibition. Other exhibitors were **Cody Letsinger**, post cards; **George Kohl**, post cards and books of the West; **Rudy Gjurovich**, commemorative plates and beer mugs; **Marie Kohl**, plate of Battle of Manila Bay and **Norman Prunier**, gun collection.

Cmdr. H. F. Bowker submitted the winning design in the PCNS library bookplate contest. It depicts the \$50 gold octagonal commemorative of 1915, the year PCNS was founded, with the legend "The John E. Ohls—PCNS Library." Judges were **Clifford L. Liss** and **Mrs. John E. Ohls**.

ANA slides on "Private Gold Coinage" were shown at the September meeting, with **David L. Redfield** operating the projector and **Alice Redfield** narrating. **Leo Young** displayed an outstanding exhibit of pioneer gold coins from his own private collection.

Austen D. Warburton, San Jose, spoke on "Indians of the West" in connection with "Other Hobbies Night" in October.

Through efforts of Lake Tahoe Coin Club member **Howard Dunklee**, the Foothill Coin Club was organized in Placerville recently. Meetings are

held at the Gold Trail School. Rod Lund is acting president.

John Schreuder opened a coin shop in Concord Oct. 1. His address is 2226 Concord Blvd.

A new coin club has been organized in San Francisco. It meets the third Friday of each month at 380 18th Ave., off Geary Blvd. Charter memberships, offered at \$5, closed Dec. 16. E. G. Smith, 2850 Golden Gate Ave., is temporary secretary.

SQUIRES-BEAVERS

George R. Squires and Doris Beavers, coin dealers of Hayward, were married Sept. 18 in Reno, Nev.

RECORD GOLD RESERVE FALL

Gold speculations and swelling U. S. balance-of-payments deficits have caused the government's gold reserves to fall below \$18 billion for the first time in nearly 21 years. Gold assets were listed as \$17,996,033,983.59 in the daily Treasury statement of Nov. 21, nearly \$8 million less than on the previous working day, Nov. 18.

CSNA GOLD RIBBONS

At future conventions, CSNA past presidents and members who have attended all conventions will receive gold ribbons. Bill Tragsdorf, general chairman of the recent San Diego convention, is credited with originating the idea.

Recent Issues of Tokens and Medals

WEST VALLEY WOODEN MONEY

Wooden nickels were issued for the West Valley Coin Club's coinorama Sept. 25 in keeping with the coinorama theme, "Commemorating the Civil War Centennial." On obverse is a copy of a Civil War token, bearing the slogan, "The Federal Union It Must and Shall Be Preserved." Tokens printed in red are dated 1959; in blue, 1960. Total issue: 1000 red and 2000 blue. Diameter: 1½ in. Printer: Western Coin Journal. The wooden money may be obtained at 25 cents plus postage, for a set of two, from Mrs. Paul Newell, 18004 Duncan St., Reseda, Calif.

BEAR FESTIVAL MEDAL

In connection with its celebration of the Fourth Annual Bear Festival April 23-24, the Idyllwild, Calif., Chamber of Commerce sponsored striking of 1000 half dollar-size Bear Festival medals in nickel-silver, according to Mrs. Elaine Haden, secretary. Medals may be obtained from the Chamber for 80 cents each, postpaid.

FRESNO DIAMOND JUBILEE

A commemorative souvenir medal was struck in bronze to celebrate Fresno's diamond jubilee. Sponsor: Diamond Jubilee committee. Design-

er: Dee Taylor. Number issued: 5000. Size 22. May be obtained from Taylor, 909 Fulton (at Kern), Fresno 21, Calif. for 50 cents each.

ALASKA-HAWAII MEDAL

Clifford Mishler, P. O. Box 187, Vandalia, Mich., has struck medals for Alaska-Hawaii statehood. Twenty-five were struck in 10K rose gold, 100 in sterling silver, 250 each in oxidized bronze, bright bronze, oxidized copper and bright copper, and unlimited quantities in oxidized nickel-silver and plain-finish aluminum. All but the last two metals are numbered. Size 25. Of medals still available, the nickel-silver piece sells for \$1.50; the aluminum, 75 cents; others, \$1.25. Dealer price for the set at the CSNA convention was \$100. Mishler also has published a 92-page catalog, "1960 United States and Canadian Commemorative Medals and Tokens," available for \$3.50.

EXPRESS FOUNDERS MEDAL

The National Pony Express Centennial Association has announced that a Pony Express Founders medal has been struck in silver by the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia. The medal, 2¼ inches in diameter, shows heads of Russell, Majors and Waddell on obverse and express rider on reverse.

Of 3000 medals struck, 32 were presented to officers and directors of the Association. Obtainable at \$40 each from the association, P. O. Box 52, Foothill Sta., Salt Lake City, Utah.

CAMPAIGN COINS

Campaign coins, struck for the November presidential election, still are available from Coins, Box A, Sioux Falls, S. D. General idea was to follow the pattern of "Bryan Dollars," satirical pieces issued during the 1896 and 1900 election campaigns. Designed by Merle A. Thiele, the medals were struck by Special Services, Inc., Sioux Falls.

Obverse of one shows sculptured busts of Richard M. Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge. GOP elephant is pictured on reverse, and the legend is "We don't care how you vote . . . just so it's Republican." The second medal has profile sculpturing of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. On its reverse voters are exhorted to "Put a Democrat in the White House."

First offered for sale Sept. 1, 1960, the issue consisted of 5000 German silver, 200 oxidized bronze, 250 oxidized silver, 300 gold plated and 6 sterling silver. Additional silver pieces will be struck if requests are received, at an approximate cost of \$3.75 each. Medals are slightly larger than a silver dollar. Available in German silver at \$1 each or five for \$4.

DAKOTA TERRITORY TOKEN

The Dakota Territory Centennial Commission, Box 738, Sioux Falls, S. D., has issued 150,000 golden bronze

cents, the tokens are available from most South Dakota banks and can be used to purchase goods in most South Dakota stores. Mint condition coins may be purchased from the commission at 70 cents each, three for \$2, postpaid; bulk coins at 50 cents, according to Merle A. Thiele, state director. Lowell Hanson, commercial artist, drew the basic design, chosen in competition. Portrayed are covered wagon, Indians, Mount Rushmore, field, river, dam and airplane.

YANKTON, S. D., TOKEN

The Chamber of Commerce, Yankton, S. D., issued a territorial token commemorating the Territory's original capital, Yankton. Wendell-Northwestern Co., manufactured 10,000 pieces for the centennial observance June 18-25, 1961. More may be struck. Size 21.

Old and new are portrayed on obverse. In upper portion is a stage-coach pulled by horses in front of a building, representing the old; below, a dam, spanning entire width of token, portraying the new. May be purchased from Chamber, Box 588, Yankton, S. D., for 50 cents each.

GOTHENBURG PONY EXPRESS

A bronze Pony Express token (size 21) was issued by the Pony Express Station (one of the few remaining original stations), Gothenburg, Nebr., in July. Pony Express rider is shown on obverse. Tokens are available from the Station at 55 cents each.

QUABOAG PLANTATION MEDAL

Tri County Coin Club, Warren, Mass., issued 2000 medals in celebration of the 300th anniversary of Quaboag Plantation in 1960. These are available at \$1 each from Edward W. Faron, W. Main St., Warren, Mass.

—CSNA—

JOHNSON ON PAPER MONEY

The November issue of *The Numismatist* contained a 13-page article by Charles M. Johnson, assistant editor of *Calcoin News* and CSNA director, on "Collecting Small-Size Paper Money." In the article, Johnson surveys and offers for the collector's consideration the many fascinating possibilities found in today's paper money, and suggests various approaches for assembling a representative collection of small-size currency.



tokens (size 21) for circulation during the centennial year 1961. The token was pressed by Wendell-Northwestern, Minneapolis, Minn. Valued at 50